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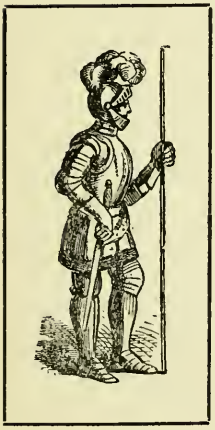

THE Zerbes were originally Norsemen and natives of ancient Scandinavia, a general name given in the early centuries to the great tract of country north of Germany, comprising Denmark, Norway and Sweden and including Iceland and the Danish Archipelago.

Their tribal name, like the Gauls, Goths, Normans, Teutons and others of the early races was "Servi" and their coat of arms a knight with the heraldic device, "To Serve," emblazoned on it.

They were the retainers of the Duke of Holstein, ruler of the Princely German House of that name, which includes the royal line of Denmark and other collateral royal branches.

Holstein, on the North Sea, a duchy of North Germany, belonged to Denmark, but is now an adjunct of Prussia and known through its alliance with Schleswig as the province of Schleswig-Holstein, its limits being circumscribed through the frequent changes of the boundaries of Northern Europe, brought about by the Roman conquerors.

From the reign of Charlemagne, in Eight Hundred A. D., who was then the most powerful monarch in all Europe and whose empire extended from the Atlantic to the Save, the

Theiss, the Oder and the lower Vistula rivers, from the Baltic Sea to the Ebro and from the North Sea and the Eider to central Italy; the power of the independent dukes, of the small duchies was almost equal to that of the reigning sovereign.

In some instances these nobles were wealthier than their rulers. Their castles were magnificent in their fortress-like proportions, they maintained a sovereignty over large armies of vassals and retainers and if their ruler could not compel their obedience, they made war and peace upon their own terms and rendered only a nominal service to their reigning sovereign. Of such, was the Duke of Holstein.

In the ninth century a race of pirates began to inflict great suffering upon the European coasts. They sailed up the navigable rivers of the German Ocean and ravaged the countries along their shores and the North German free-holders were despoiled of their homes and their possessions by the marauders. The Norsemen became, more or less, a nomadic race. The frequency with which they made war upon the southern countries and weaker principalities led them into frequent migratory expeditions and when Paris was besieged, in A. D. 885, Charles, "the Fat," bribed them to withdraw their forces instead of opening a conflict with them.

In 894 A. D., when Arnulf made war upon the Norsemen and afterward entered Italy, to settle the quarrel between the rival claimants to the crown, some of the defeated Norsemen accompanied his army; among them were some of the Servi (pronounced Sarve, two syllables), who remained in that country and settled, and the name became "Zerbi." Others settled in the duchy of Hanover, where it was known as "Zarva," but the greater number, after participating in the wars that led up to the crowning of the German Kings as "Roman Emperors," in 962, some of these northern feudal Servi migrated to middle Europe, uniting with the Galicians,

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where they became powerful and noted for their vigor of frame, valor in war and love of freedom.

About the tenth century they received a grant of land from the Emperor Leo VI, situated on the Danube River, which they proceeded to cultivate, establishing their feudal rights as freeholders, only pausing in their career as agriculturists, to take up the sword and lay aside the ploughshare, to defend their little independent kingdom in the 11th century, when the Greeks invaded it and again when the Turks reduced it and in the frequent insurrections that followed until it became a free and independent State under the protection of the great Powers. The Austrian-Servian crisis, when Montenegro and Servia disagreed and when King Peter, of Servia, desired to be considered the head of all the Servians and Prince Nicholas, of Montenegro, proposed to constitute himself "Czar" of the two little States, Austria was obliged to interfere to preserve their neutrality. Recent historical events, 1914-15, show the Servians still resenting all efforts on the part of other powers to absorb their principality into a more powerful dynasty (June 1, 1915.)

(Note—There is a town in Austria-Hungary named "Szarvas" (Szahrvas) on the Koros, 22 miles northeast of Csongrad, population 18,917.)

Before the birth of Christ the Thracian or Illyrian races inhabited all the country south of Austria-Hungary and when the nomadic tribes of Servians came from Galicia, a province of Spain at the extremity of the Iberian peninsula, and gave it their name, they were converted to Christianity. In 636 A. D. others came and the land was known as Galicia, part of it now (1914) being a province of Austria and known as Galicia-Lodomeria. After the bloody wars, 1459, between Hungary and Turkey, the Servians were freed. The land given them by Emperor Leo VI in the tenth century was erected into an independent kingdom by Pope Honorius III

in 1217. It was not until 1815 that the country secured its independence under the protection of Austria and Russia. The religion of the Servians is that of the Greek Catholic church. The population of Servia is four million.

ZERBIS IN ITALY

After the crowning of the King of Lombardy, A. D. 962, several of the feudal Servi from Holstein settled in Italy, where the name was Zerbi. A medical work in scholarly Latin and in the professional language of Italy, entitled "The Anatomy of the Human Body" was published by Gabriel Zerbi. He held the title of Medicus Theoricus and was an authority on the olfactory nerves.

The following letter is self explanatory:

University of Penna., Phila. Library, August 25, 1913.
Mrs. Ella Zerbey Elliott,

Dear Madam:—There is a copy of the work by Gabriel Zerbi, published in Verona, in the latter part of the fifteenth century, in the British Museum, London. It bears the following title:—"Liber Anathomie Corporis Humani Singulori, Membro Illuis, etc., per B. Localette Venetiis, 1502 folio." There is no reprint of the work.—Morris Jastrow, Jr., Librarian. K. S. L., Assistant Librarian.

(The following is extracted from notes and letters of Benton H. Zerbe):

"August Zerbi went from Graz and Vienna, Austria, to Italy with the Austrian army, where he married the daughter of Chevalier Ughetti, of Verona. Taking the name of his wife he became a prominent merchant trading with vessels on the Mediterranean and high seas. His descendants are still living and use the name "Zerbi" among their surnames. The last male descendant bore the name of his grandfather, Augustine Zerbi Ughetti. A public square in Verona is named for the latter.

(Note—January 13, 1915, the Servian legation in London addressed a letter to the press and public, urging the adoption of the spelling "Zerbian" and "Serbia" instead of "Servian" and "Servia" which is gradually being accepted.)

Christian Zarva settled in Mecklenburg, a territory of North Germany, between the Baltic, Prussian Dominions, West Hanover and Luebeck, before it was divided into the Grand Duchies of Schwerin and Strelitz. He had two sons, George and John, the latter an officer in the Hanoverian army.

George[2] Zarva, Zerbi, (Christian) had three sons, George, Wilhelm and John Phillip. Wilhelm, is said, "to have settled in Spain, where he married the daughter of Count De Luna, of Toledo, 'the city of swords', and where he took the family name. Marquis de Aspiroz, was a colonel of artillery in the Spanish army, 1875. His wife was the daughter of Count de Valle, Director General of Artillery. Marquis de Aspiroz claimed direct descent from Wilhelm Zerbi, of Mecklenburg." (Benton H. Zerbe, Genealogical Record, Part 2.)

(Benton Zerbe, a foreign powder agent from this country, who met many prominent heads of the military while in the pursuance of his business, met Marquis de Aspiroz with the above result, as related.)

John Phillip Sevier, Zerbi, Zarva was the head of the American branches. He settled in France and came from Paris where some of his children were born, to Alsace, near Strasburg, where it is supposed that his brother George and his father George lived, the Seviers and Serviers, as the name was spelled in France, being numerous in Alsace and Lorraine.

John Phillip Sevier (Servier) after the revocation of the edict of Nantes fled with his wife and eight sons to Switzerland and from there to London, England. Valentine Sevier, one of these eight sons, was the father of John Sevier, the great commonwealth builder.

Another son, John Phillip, was the father of the three immigrants, John Phillip, Mardin, and Lorenz, 1710, who came to America in the same vessel with Conrad Weiser,

settling in New York and subsequently in Pennsylvania. The name on the ship lists was spelled according to the Swiss method, "Zarva, Savar, or Sarvar."

(Note:—Alsace, a province bordering on the Rhine, belonged to Germany until 1648, when part was ceded to France. Louis XIV took Strasburg, 1681, and the city, with the remainder of the Province, was secured for France, 1697, where it remained until 1871, when it was ceded to Prussia, the surrender being made September 27, 1870.)

(Strasburg, capital of Alsace-Lorraine, two miles west of the Rhine on the river Ill. Before the present war it had a population of 150,000.)

HISTORY OF ZERBES IN AMERICA

The name Zerbe affords an interesting etymological study and is spelled in sixteen or more different ways, according to the nomenclature of the country in Europe from which the claimant hailed, or, as Dr. Egle, State Historian, says of the 30,000 immigrants, that, "their names appeared on the ship rolls according to the intelligence of the ship masters." These Swedish ship masters did not speak English and were phonetic spellers, hence the many changes from the original Sevier, Servier, of France, and the Serfas, Serfass, Sarva, Zarvar, of Switzerland and Sweden, to Serwe, Surfass, Serwes, Serwies, Zarva, Zerwe, Serb, Serbe, Serwitz, Zerb, Surface, Zerver, (the "e" having the sound of "ah"). All these variations in spelling are not important, they are all from the same origin, "Servi" (Sar-ve) and are all of the same name.

(Note:—When one of the Sevier, Zarva, families died they sent a mortuary notice to the representative families of that name throughout the United States, a Huguenot custom brought with them from the old world.)

The Sevier (e, as in ah) and Zarvar, Zarva, being the nearest phonetically and best translations of the original name. The Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee branch adhered

to the French name Sevier, while those of Pennsylvania and their descendants in other states adopted the Swiss spelling. The Zerbes of Berks County and the southern part of Schuylkill County were, until a decade or two ago, known as "Zarvas," the present generation adopting the anglicized "Zerbe," or changing the spelling of the latter according to taste.

The history of the Zerbes in the United States begins with that of the three immigrants, John Phillip, Mardin and Lorenz, who sailed from Rotterdam the day before Christmas, 1709, for the Province of New York, in the English colonies, of North America. They came on the same vessel with John Conrad Weiser.

(The history of the Zerbe colonists is involved in the preceding chapters, Part I.)

John Phillip Zarva (Zerbe) joined one of the four companies of 300 men who were part of the expedition in 1711 against Montreal under General Nichols and the defense of Albany against the French, only one year after his arrival in his adopted country. John Phillip Zerbe was of the village of Annesburg, on the east side of the Hudson river, New York. (State of New York, Report of the State Historian, Colonial Series, Vol. 1, p 442.) (Part 1.)

There is no record to be found of his having come to Pennsylvania, and it is believed that he remained in New York for a time, subsequently removing with the German colonists under Samuel Waldo, 1732, to Broad Bay, Maine, and founding that branch of the Zerbes, now numerous in that state and the Canadas.

(Henry Cady, Secretary, H. F. Kingsley, President, of the Genealogical and Biographical Society, of Schoharie, N. Y., writes the author thus:)

"The church records of Albany County go back only to 1737. There was a Zeibert and a Ziebel but no Zerbe, in this county. I have the records of all of the old families."

Moravian Historical Society, Vol. IV, sketch of the Moravian Settlement at Broad Bay, Maine, by John W. Jordan, President of the Pennsylvania Historical Society, Philadelphia, gives a succinct and interesting account of the perils and hardships endured by these colonists from the above date to 1769, when they scattered to North Carolina, other states and the Canadas.

In 1863 when Andrew G. Curtin, the great war governor, was a candidate for a second term in the gubernatorial chair of the State of Pennsylvania, Hannibal Hamlin, Vice President of the United States during the first term of the Abraham Lincoln administration, was one of the speakers at a political gathering at Harrisburg. After the meeting was over a reception was held at the capitol in honor of the distinguished guest. Charles A. Zerbe, deceased, a prominent citizen, of Lewistown, Mifflin County, was among those presented to the speaker, who said, as he took Mr. Zerbe by the hand:—"Zerbe, that is a familiar name to me, we have many Zerbes in the State of Maine."

FIRST GENERATION

Martin[1] Zerbe, Martin Zarva, (Sevier), Huguenot, was of the more than 1000 German and French who came to New York from Europe, June 13, 1710, leaving Rotterdam before Christmas, 1709, and settling in Livingstone Manor and the Schoharie Valley, that State. (The history of the immigrants is found upon a previous page, Part I.) Martin Zerbe joined the expedition against Canada, July 16, 1711, in Queen Anne's war. Both he and his brother, John Phillip, were enlisted as volunteers from the village of Annesburg, New York, in Captain Hartman Windecker's company." (State of New York. Report of the State Historian, Colonial Series, Vol. 1, p. 442, Part 1.) He came to the region of the Tulpehocken, Chester County, Penn-

sylvania, with the thirty-three families who settled in the Schoharie Valley, 1713, coming overland to this state, 1723, from New York. (Part I.)

The University of the State of New York, Albany, 22 May, 1915.
Mrs. Ella Zerbey Elliott.

Dear Madam:—Your letter of the 19th to the Custodian of Public Records has been referred to the State Library which has the records referred to. The roll of the Palatine volunteers from Annsburg in the expedition against Canada, in 1711, has been printed. The records in our keeping give no additional information in regard to John Phillip and Martin Zerbe, and there is no necessity therefore of any certificate. The facts as they appear on the printed roll are sufficient.

Yours very truly,
PETER NELSON, Assistant Archivist.

(The names of Martin, John Phillip and Lorenz Zerbe are found in the state papers, Astor Library, New York, Colonial Series, and in D. Rupp's 30,000 Immigrants.[1])

Martin Zerbe, (Zarva, Sevier) was born in Alsace, near Strasburg, France, about 1685. There is no record of where in Switzerland and subsequently the Palatinates, his father fled to with his family from Alsace. Martin was already married and had one or more children, upon landing in New York, 1710. His death occurred between 1739 and 1750. "Baptized Anna Elizabeth, daughter of Albrecht Strauss and wife Maria Margaretha Zerbe; Sponsors, Martin Zerbe and wife Anna Elizabeth, March 25, 1739.[2]"

Death records of Christ Lutheran church, Stouchsburg, Pa.: "July 22, 1750. Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Zerbe, wife of Martin Zerbe."

No trace or record of Martin Zerbe's tomb has been found. He may be buried in a private burying ground on or near the old homestead, at Host's, Jefferson Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, or his grave is doubtless among the many unidentified mounds in Christ church cemetery with that of his wife.

(Note 1—Rupp's 30,000 Immigrants says, "that of the names given on the ship lists, the men on landing were each over 21 years of age.)
(Note 2—Records of Rev. John Caspar Stoever from 1730 to 1779.)

Martin Zerbe settled, 1723, on Fell's Manor, Chester County, now Host's Postoffice, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and known as "Schaffner's". Owing to the Indian difficulties the authorities were not authorized to survey lands to the early settlers and it was not until the Indian settlement for lands with the Penn heirs was ratified, 1730-'32, that deeds could be obtained for them. Martin Zerbe lived upon this tract during his life time, being already an old man when the deed was vested in the name of his eldest son, George Peter Zerbe.

No warrants could be obtained for this land until after the Indian purchase of 1728 and final release, October 12, 1730, when Fell's Manor was transferred from Chester to Lancaster County, erected 1729. George Peter Zerbe, eldest son of Martin Zerbe, received a Warrant Proprietary for 153 acres, January 2, 1735. Book D, Vol. 2, p. 148. Deed Book, Recorder's office, Chester County, Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. 1, pp. 400-405. Colonial Records. Original deed in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

In addition to this tract, 100 acres were surveyed and purchased from Caspar Wistar, agent for the Penns, and the Commonwealth, by George Peter Zerbe, warranted, November 12, 1737, returned, 92 acres 120 perches by George Ege, May 29, 1789. (Deed Book, Recorder's office, Lancaster court house.) This tract is also found as having been surveyed, January 2, 1777, to Andrew Aulenbach, but never patented.

In a copy of a deed for the settlement of lands on Fell's Manor, Martin "Sharvas" (Zarva's) Creek is mentioned in the survey.[1]

Martin Sharva's (Zarva's) Run, (as shown on the map on another page), sometimes called the Muhlbach, (Mill Creek), survey of Fell's Manor, 1727, is the

(Note 1—Penna. Archives, Series 3.)

branch of the Tulpehocken emptying into that stream near what is now known as Krick's Mill Post Office, or the Cross Keys Hotel, midway between Sunday's mill and the site of John Zerbe, the miller's, early mill. Other surveys and maps designate this branch as the Mill Creek and as "Serby's Run." It is a remarkably fine stream of rapid running water, and runs through the land on which Martin Zerbe located, 1723.

In addition to the two tracts of Zerbe lands recorded as above in 1735 and 1737, there was another and third tract north of Fell's Manor and west of the first tract, which was warranted December 3, 1737, and surveyed, December 16, 1765, to Peter Zerbe, Jr., son of George Peter Zerbe, in right of Frederick Arnold.

The map of Pioneer Homesteads, 1723, by C. I. Lindemuth, of Stouchsburg, Berks County, in this volume, contains the greater part of Fell's Manor. (George) Peter Zerbe's land is found in the northeast corner and Peter Zerbe, Jr.'s as described.

(Note:—In the early surveys there were allowed for roads, etc., six acres to every hundred acres, the area mentioned in surveys being proportionately less owing to these measurements.)

"Mardin Zarben" was among the signers to a petition to the court of Quarter Sessions, Philadelphia, September, 1727, for a road from the Lutheran Church, in the Tulpehocken, now Zion's church, Stouchsburg, Berks County, to the Quaker Meeting House, in Oley Township (a certified copy of original petition and cut on another page, Part 1.)

The children of Martin and Anna Elizabeth Zerbe were:

George Peter Zerbe, born 1710; died between 1780-'82; married Christina Loucks, 1732.

Elizabeth Maria, born 1712; married Heinrich Boyer (Bayer), May 31, 1730. (Stoever's Records.)

John Jacob, born 1714; married Susanna —— 1735. John Jacob and wife stood sponsors for his brother, John Zerbe and wife Catharine Stupps' daughter Maria Caterina, April 14, 1745. (Stoever's Records.)

Maria Margaretta, born 1716; married Albrecht Strauss, 1734. (Stoever's records.)

John, born 1722; married Caterina Stupp, 1749.

Barbara, born 1720; married George Meyer, April 4, 1738. Stood sponsor with George Graf, Jr., November 16, 1735, for child of Albrecht and Margaretta Strauss. (Stoever's records.)

Elizabeth, born June 10, 1729; wife of —— Rieth; buried in Rieth's cemetery, Stouchsburg, Pa.

There were three men of the first generation of immigrants, 1710, Martin, John Phillip and Lorenz Zerbe. Of the male children of Martin and Lorenz, who settled in Berks County, as far as known, there were nine men of the second generation.

THE MANORS, WHERE SITUATED

There were four Manors surveyed in the land grants in Tulpehocken, warranted and patented from 1731 to 1735.

The Manor of Plumpton, known as John Page's land, contained 5165 acres; surveyed April 27, 1733, to John Page by a warrant, October 19, 1731, and patented September 17, 1735. Part of it, about 1000 acres, was originally devised to Letitia, daughter of William Penn, and wife of William Aubrey.

Fell's Manor, also known as Gulielma Maria Fell's land, adjoined the Plumpton Manor on the west, two miles beyond Myerstown, Lebanon County, beginning at the Tulpehocken Creek, at Rieth's church, Stouchsburg, and extending in a straight line, three miles in length, to Host's Post Office. Martin Zerbe, as aforesaid, settled on the tract of Fell's Manor, 1723.

The survey of Fell's Manor was made November 2, 1727. The tract contained 10,000 acres. Gulielma Maria, daughter of William Penn, Jr., and granddaughter of William Penn, was the wife of Charles Fell. In the indentures, lease and release made in London, England, October 11, 12, 1730, it was stipulated, that, whereas, "Gulielma Maria Fell, her husband and her children are all settled and do reside altogether in Great Britain and have no intention to go or to settle in the Province of Pennsylvania and whereas: Some good and advantageous offers made by sundry persons of the said province to buy the said lands; the said Gulielma Maria Fell, granddaughter of Wm. Penn, and the said Charles Fell, her husband, have judged it to be for her and her children's interest to sell parts of said land when opportunity offers. The Fells, with Wm. Penn, of London, send greeting to John, Thomas and Richard Penn and empower Thomas Penn, as their attorney, to sell the land 'away' until the same 10,000 acres shall be all sold." Then follows how the monies should be invested for the benefit of the heirs.

A draft of a tract of land situate on the branches of Tulpehocken Creek, in Chester County, surveyed for Gulielma Maria Fell (wife of Charles Fell, of London) the second day of November, Anno Domini 1727.

"Beginning at a corner, marked black oak, standing on the Top of a Hill, on the south side of the Main Branch of the said Tulpehocken Creek, on the East side of a Run called Hans Moore's Run, thence north 30 degrees easterly crossing the said branch, 872 perches to a white oak, thence west by North 130 perches to a black oak, thence North, 32 degrees west, crossing a Run called MARTIN SHARVAS RUN, 200 perches to a post by a marked white oak, then south 80 degrees westerly 2140 perches to a Hickory, thence south west 286 perches to a small black oak, thence south crossing the aforesaid main branch, 370 perches to a white oak, thence east by

south, 256 perches to a Hickory, thence east 470 perches to a white oak, thence north 65 degrees easterly, 320 perches to a Hickory, thence east by north 214 perches to a white oak, thence north 70 degrees easterly, 240 perches to a small white oak, thence east by south, 480 perches to a white oak, thence south 55 degrees easterly, 235 perches to the place of beginning; containing TEN THOUSAND ACRES."

Richard Penn's Manor, on the Swatara, Bethel and Tulpehocken Townships, 5,000 acres, surveyed in five warrants of 1,000 acres each, extending north to the Blue Mountains, September 27, 1733. The village of Rehersburg is slightly east of the centre of this Manor.

Thomas Freame's land or Freame's Manor, adjoining Richard Penn's Manor, 1,000 acres, September 27, 1733. It was surveyed in 10 warrants, each for 1,000 acres, dated London, May 12, 1732.

William Allen's land, adjoining the Manor of Plumpton, October 20, 1730. This tract contained 2794 acres. It adjoined the Manor of Plumpton, on the east, and was in what is now Heidelberg, North Heidelberg and lower Heidelberg Townships.[1]

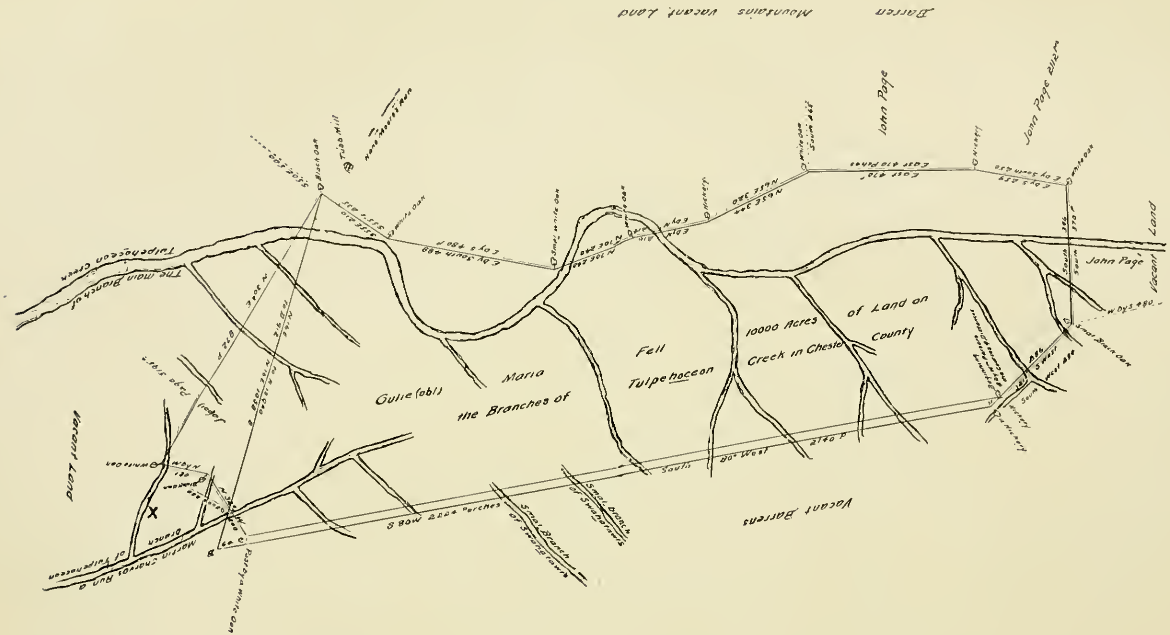
SECOND GENERATION—JOHN JACOB ZERBE

Prominent among the Zerbes of the second generation was John[2] Jacob (Martin[1]), b. 1714; m. Susanna ——, 1735. Their children were:

1735, John, wf. Catharine;
1736, December 25, bap. Jan. 2, '37, Anna Christina. Sponsors, George Peter Zerbe and wf. (Little Tulpehocken church records.)
1738, April 20, bap. April 30, Michael.
1741, June 24, bap. July 6, Valentine.
1743, Peter.

George Peter Zerbe is mentioned as having stood sponsor 1737, May 5, with his wife, for John Jacob, son of Albrecht Strauss and wf. Maria Margaretta.

(Note 1—Colonial Records, Penna. Archives, Vol. 1, pp. 400-405.)



Land of Tulpehocken Settlers Showing Martin Zerbe's (Mardin Sharvas) Run, 1723, Fell Tract, Wm. Penn Grant.

Jacob Zerbe bought a tract of land in Bethel Township from John Heberling, January 2, 1753. Jacob and Susanna sold it, March 13, 1764, to Michael and Valentine, their sons. Michael Zerbe and wf. Anna Mary, and Valentine and wf. Barbara, November 14, 1768, sold it to John Zerbe, their eldest brother, and wf. Catharine. The will of Jacob Zerbe, probated March 19, 1782, was written August 15, 1776, and mentions John Zerbe as his eldest son, to whom he bequeathed one shilling as his birthright. John[3] Zerbe (John Jacob[2], Martin[1]) became a prosperous man and kept this shilling until his death. Jacob Zerbe et al. also sold tract of land to Michael Zerbe, September 14, 1768.[1]

John[3] Zerbe was the first son and child of John[2] Jacob (Martin[1]). He died before November 8, 1776, in Upper Tulpehocken Township, leaving widow, Catharine, and four children under age, Margaret over 14, Barbara, John and Daniel under 14 years. March 15, 1785, these children of John, who bought the land from Michael and Valentine, deeded this land to Christian Zerbe. They were:

John Zerbe, single; Daniel, single; Barbara, spinster; Jacob and Elizabeth Souder, of West Penn's, Borough Township, Cumberland County, and George and Margaret Reber, of Tulpehocken Twp. (Berks Co. C. H.)

John[2] Jacob Zerbe and wf. Susanna stood sponsors for their granddaughter, child of John[3] Zerbe and wf. Catharine, April 8, 1745; bap. April 14. He was a taxable in Bethel Township, 1754[2].

Jacob Zerbe was executor to John and Catharine, 1782, (Will Book, Vol. 4, p. 277.) Jacob Zerbe died about March 1, his will being probated March 19, 1782. Leonard Zerbe (John[2] the m., Lorenz[1]) was a witness, Nicholas Gaucker, sole executor.[3]

(Note 1—B. 3, Vol. 1, p. 337.)
(Note 2—John Zerbe et al., Bethel Township, Grantor, September 28, 1791, to Christian "Zerby," tract of land. (D. B. 12, pp. 275, 277. Christian Zerby, Grantee, April 18, 1807, Jacob Wagoner. Bill of Sale.)
(Note 3—Will Book, A. pp. 40-3, p. 23.)

Valentine[3] Zerbe, (John[2] Jacob, Martin[1]), b. June 24, bap. July 6, 1741, he with his brother, Michael, bought a tract of land in Bethel Township, Berks County, from their parents, March 13, 1764. He went to Bedford County with his brother, John, 1780, where he settled. The children of John Jacob Zerbe were: John Michael, b. 1738; John Valentine, 1741; John Peter, b. 1743, wf. Elizabeth; and Jacob, Jr., who married Annie Spiess, of Rehersburg. Among the catechumens confirmed May, 1761, at the Little Tulpehocken church were Michael and Valentine Zerbe; the above Jonathan, son of Valentine, b. about 1763, m. Margaret Weiser, May 1, 1795[1].

Peter[3] Zerbe, (John[2] Jacob, Martin[1]), b. 1743, d. Feb. 19, 1796, wf. Elizabeth.

Michael[3] Zerbe, (John[2] Jacob, Martin[1]), b. April 20; bap. April 30, 1738; m. Elizabeth Weil. (Rehersburg c. rec.)

Children:

B. 1765, December 5, John;
B. 1767, July, Michael;
B. 1768, January 9, Anna Maria;
B. 1772, December 25, Margarena.

Jacob Zerbe et al., grantor to Michael[3] Zerbe, September 14, 1768, land in Bethel Township. When Bethel Township was divided Frederick and Michael[3] Zerbe were taxpayers in the Dauphin County Division, 1786. Michael[3] and his brother, Valentine[3], were those of that name and date implicated in land transactions in Lancaster County, (see records.)

Michael[4] deeded to John, eldest son of Michael[3].

(Berks County Deed Book, 3-5, p. 337.)
(John[2] Jacob, Martin[1]) Bethel Township, January 25, 1840, tract of land. Deed Book 16, p. 100.)
(Michael[4] Zerbe, see elsewhere.)
Revolutionary War Record Part 1, (Zerbes in the Revolution.) Michael[3] Zerbe Account of Captain Weaver's company, from Bethel Township)

(Note 1—Christ church records.)

Michael[4] Zerbe removed to Cumberland County.

(Abstract of Jacob Zerbe's will, (Genealogical Society, Philadelphia), probated in Berks County, January 23, 1825, says: "Jacob owned land partly in Bethel Township and partly in Tulpehocken.")

SECOND GENERATION—JOHN ZERBE

John[2] Zerbe (Martin[1]), b. 1722. He was the son of Martin and Elizabeth Zerbe. He m. Caterina Stupp, June 4, 1743 (Stoever's), and lived in Tulpehocken Township. He was a signer for Christ Church, 1743, and was a taxable in Berks County, 1754, the first tax list taken in that county, and signed the oath of allegiance. They had the following children:

(Rev. John Caspar Stoever Rec.)

B. 1745, April 8; bap. April 14, Maria Caterina. Sponsors, Jacob Zerbe and wife.

B. 1748, March 23; bap. April 3, Johannes. Sponsors, John Oberle and Catharine Heck.

B. 1750, December 25; bap. February 3, 1851, Christian. Sponsors, Christian Gruber and wife.

B. 1751, October 3; bap. October 21, Anna Elizabeth.

B. 1756, February 10; bap. March 7, Anna Christina. Sponsors, Martin Stupp, wf. Christina.

B. 1759, February 4; bap. February 10, Caterina Elizabeth. Sponsors, John George Rieth and wife.

B. 1761, May 6; bap. May 24, Maria Margaretha. Sponsors, Albrecht Strauss and wife.

Martin Stupp was of the thirty-three families who came to the Tulpehocken, Chester County, 1723. The map in this edition shows his land as located on both sides of a branch of the Northkill. His wf. was Susanna Catharine Schultz. Children, Frederic and Abraham and eight daughters. Of the latter only two are mentioned by name in his will, probated March 19, 1755. (Abstract of Wills, Penna. Historical Society, Philadelphia.) Catharine Zerbe and Anna Kunigunda Gruber. The children to have equal shares. Conrad Weiser was a witness. A daughter, Margaretta, married Dietrich Snyder, of Bethel Township.

(Note—Dietrich Snyder was the g. g. f. of Senator Charles A. Snyder, of Pottsville. He belonged to the militia from Bethel Township in the Revolutionary War, but this company was not called out for active service. He was a court martialman.)

HEINRICH BOYER

Heinrich Boyer (Bayer) was with the fifty families that came from Schoharie, N. Y., 1727. They followed to Pennsylvania to cast their lots with the original thirty-three families who settled in the Tulpehocken, Chester County, 1723. He took up a tract of land adjoining Martin Zerbe's and Albrecht Strauss' lands, in North Heidelberg Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, May 31, 1730. Heinrich Boyer married Elizabeth Maria, daughter of Martin Zerbe.[1]

Heinrich Boyer, b. 1689, d. 1757. His second wife was Salome Sneiss. He came from the Tulpehocken to the vicinity of New Ringgold, then Northampton County, in 1749, where he built a block house that was a refuge for the settlers during the Indian troubles, in their flights to the Forts, Franklin and Lebanon, and in their final stampede to the other side of the Blue Mountain, and here Elizabeth Maria Zerbe died. The remains of a tunnel or ground cellar, in which they secreted themselves, could be seen until within the last few years, when it was filled up by the owner, Nathan Gerber. Heinrich Boyer's children were: Anna Maria, George, Assmus, Andreas and Henry.

A copy of the bill of sale of Henry Boyer's personal property, held "in the Tulpehocken" (now New Ringgold), April 13-14, 1757, (Vol. II, No. 2, Pub. Schuylkill Co. His. Soc., pp. 159-167) shows his Zerbe kinsmen and George, Leonard and Michael Rieth and others from the Tulpehocken to have been present and among the purchasers. The Boyers in Southern Schuylkill County are descendants of Heinrich Boyer.

ALBRECHT AND JOHN PHILLIP STRAUSS

Maria Margaretha (Martin Zerbe), second daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Zerbe, b. in the Tulpehocken, 1716; m. Albrecht Strauss, 1734. They had eleven children.

(Note 1—John Caspar Stoever's Records.)

Albrecht and John Phillip Strauss, of Wurtemberg, Germany, landed at Philadelphia, September 26, 1732. They took the oath of allegiance to the British Government. Albrecht, b. 1712; d. before May 7, 1787. John Phillip, b. September 13, 1713, d. before May 28, 1792. They came to Berks County and settled in Tulpehocken Township. Albrecht Strauss took out a warrant for land from Thomas Penn, October 7, 1736, "where he had already been settled two years." There were 150 acres in the tract, through which ran Zerbe's (Sharva's) creek, emptying into the Tulpehocken river at Krick's Mill's post office. His land adjoined that of Mardin Zarva (settled there in 1723, land warranted January 2, 1735,) whose daughter, Anna Margaretha, he married in 1734. Children:

Maria Barbara, b. November 16, 1735; m., June 2, 1754, to John Kloss; Jacob, b. May 5, 1737; m. Elizabeth Brecht, August 21, 1759; Maria Elizabeth, b. May 5, 1737; m. John Daniel Madern, May 4, 1760; Anna Elizabeth, b. March 25, 1739; John Caspar, b. August 5, 1741; Maria Eva Rosina, b. November 6, 1742; m. Christopher Schaber, November 9, 1762; Maria Catharine, b. March 6, 1745; m. John Long, November 9, 1762; John Phillip, b. January 4, 1748; m. Savilla, da. of Benedict and Salome Kepner. Twins, Maria Christina, b. July 26, 1751, m. Benjamin Kebner, May 24, 1774; Maria Susanna, b. July 26, 1751; John Samuel, b. May 13, 1756, m. Catharine Umbenhauer.

(Note—John Samuel and Phillip, sons of Albrecht Strauss and Maria Margaretha Zerbe, and Phillip and Caspar Strauss, their cousins, were actively engaged in the War of the Revolution.)

John Phillip Strauss, m. Anna Margaret Reimer. They had nine children. Their third child, Maria Christina, m. Christian Zerbe, son of John[2] Zerbe (Martin[1]) m. to Catharine Stupp[1]. Their seventh child, John Jacob, b. May 5, 1757, m. Barbara Zerbe, da. of John[2] Zerbe, (Martin[1]) June 14, 1785. He died October 22, 1822. His wife died before he

(Note 1—There are four records of Christian Zerbe in the Revolutionary War, (Christian Serfas, Zerbe, Serfass), Penna. Archives, Vol. 4, pp. 664, 357, Vol. 8, pp. 203, 264.)

(Note—A monument was erected at Strausstown, Berks County, several years ago, to Maria Margaretha Zerbe, wife of Albrecht Strauss, one of the founders of the Strauss family, at one of the Strauss reunions which occur once in two years, and when it was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. The Strausses are numerous in that vicinity and of this branch number over a thousand in the U. S.)

did. Their children were: Catharine, Barbara, m. Adam Radebach; Daniel, Magdelena m. Peter Smith; Sarah, Adam, and Susanna.

The Krammes family of Schuylkill County are descendants of Albrecht and Maria Margaretha Zerbe Strauss, also B. Morris Strauss, of Reading, and Strauss' of Schuylkill Haven.

(Note—John George Zerbe attended the sale of Albrecht Strauss, after his death, held June 9, 1787. The record says, "the personal property was all bought in by relatives," the name of the above appears on the list of purchasers.)

There were two Christian Zerbes of the third generation, Christian[3], b. December 25, 1750; (John[2] Zerbe, m. to Catharine Stupp, Martin[1]), m. June 3, 1773, at Christ Church, to Christina Strauss, b. February 20, 1749. (Stoever's Records.) Their children were: (Rehersburg Church Records.)

1774, March 20, John George.
1776, February 15, John.
1777, January 16, Mary Catharine.
1780, January 31, Susanna.
1782, February 7, Jacob; m. ——Ferris, July 13, 1809.
1783, December 31, Maria Christina.
1787, October 29, Mary Salome.
1789, May 25, Elizabeth.
1789, May 25, Henry, m. Susanna Heckel, May 17, 1808.
1791, —— Samuel.
1792, April 2, Anna Maria.

They removed to White Deer Township, Northumberland County, (now Union.)

Christian[3] Zerbe died in Union County, 1818, where his will is on record in which he mentions the above sons and daughters.

Christian Zerbe, non-resident, paid tax in Heidelberg Township, 1787.

George Zerbe, b. Union County, March 18, 1808; d., January 6, 1893, was of this line and doubtless a son of John George[4] (Christian[3], John[2], Martin[1]), b. March 20, 1774. George Zerbe is buried in Grant City, Iowa. His children

were: William, who has three sons: Daniel, Wichita, Kan.; John W., York, Pa.; Dr. George T., Nashville, Tenn.; d., November 1, 1865, aged 25 years; John, d., twice married, two children d. Da., Mrs. Charles Roehl, Nashville, Tenn., has three sons and two daughters and nine grandchildren. Da. of George, Mrs. Susan Greenawalt, four children, one son, three daughters.

The brothers and sisters of this George Zerbe, b. in Union County, were: Joseph, who had one son and two daughters. Rebecca, Mrs. Thomas Riem; Hettie, Mrs. Wm. Hyles; Elizabeth, Mrs. Robert Wrick; Mrs. Susan Moore, Atlanta, Ill.; Nancy, Mrs. Wm. Noll, Union Co., Pa.

GEORGE PETER ZERBE—EARLY SETTLER

The early settlers were engaged in raising hemp, flax and tobacco, in addition to food stuffs. They ran saw, grist, cotton-batting and fulling mills for carding; distilleries, tanneries, paper, oil and powder mills. They raised fruit trees and cultivated vineyards, ran cider and wine presses and the Tulpehocken and its tributary streams furnished the motive power for small mills and forges where gun metal, spikes and the primitive tools for agricultural pursuits were made. The Zerbes were mainly fruit culturists, vine dressers and millers, their farms today being among the garden spots of Berks County.

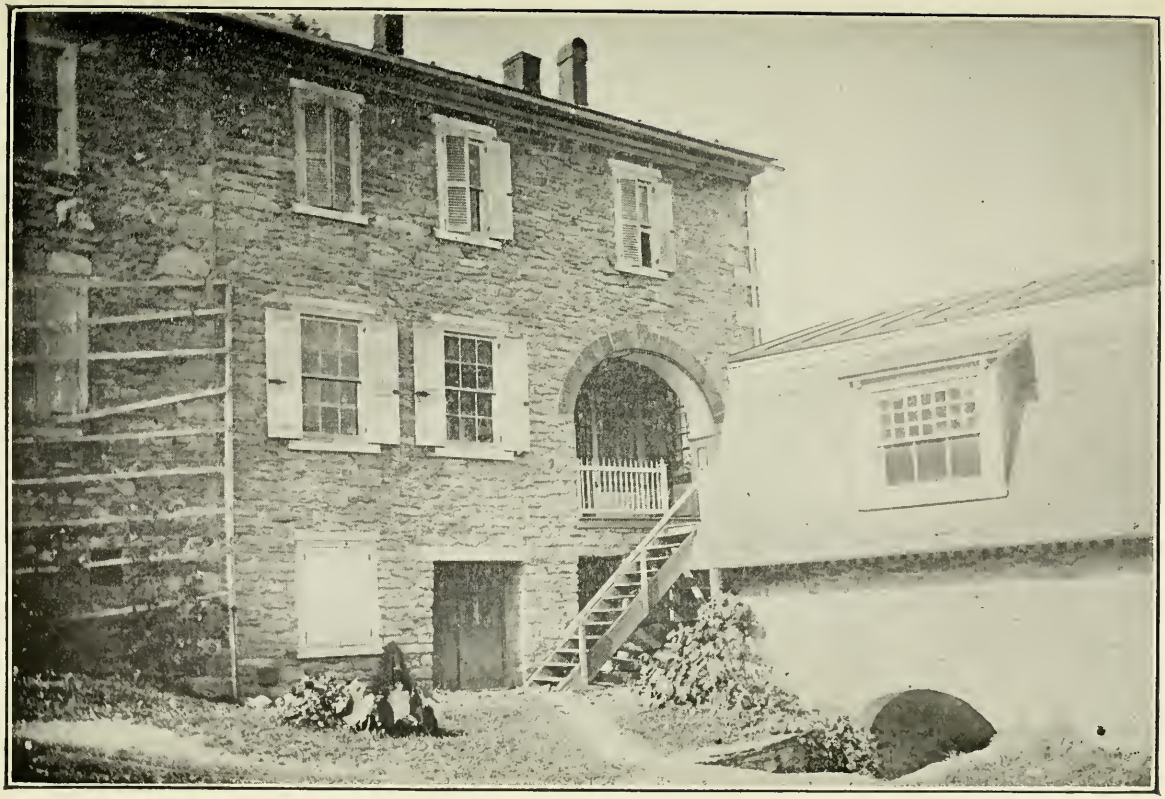
George Peter Zerbe, (Martin[1]), eldest son of Martin and Elizabeth Zerbe, was one of the one hundred and sixty-five signers for the building of Christ Church, Stouchsburg, Marion Twp., Berks Co., Pa. The record of Pastor Tobias Wagner, the first minister, gives a list of the male members only, from 1743 to 1746. Including the women, averaging four persons to a family, it would indicate that the church had a membership of at least five hundred. On the building of the present handsome edifice, the foundation stones of the old log

building were permitted to remain in the broad avenue, their outline giving the dimensions of the old historical church, which is of great interest to visitors.

George Zerbe was on the tax lists of Berks County, 1754, (their first publication). During the depredations of the Indians, 1754—1756, cattle stealing by the red men was common in the Tulpehocken and bands of the settlers patroled the sparse settlements to prevent this thievery. George Peter Zerbe or George "Sarby," as he is known on the company rolls, Jacob Bender, Michael Rieth, Peter Walborn, Herman Sundock (Sontag), Christopher Stutzman, John Goodman and Adam Markle, all from the Tulpehocken, joined the Philadelphia company, Capt. Edward Jones, private Independent troop of horse, 1756, which passed through Lancaster County on its way to Harrisburg with the hope that they might intercept the red men and regain their cattle. They went to John Harris' Fort, where Harrisburg now stands and rode along the Susquehanna to Fort Shamokin, where the company joined the Augusta regiment and became part of the Third Battalion that guarded the fort and intervening country during its building.[1]

George[2] Peter Zerbe, (Martin[1]), first son and child of Martin and Elizabeth Zerbe; born, 1710; died, 1780-'82; married Christina, daughter of Abraham Loucks, 1736. No record having been discovered of George Peter Zerbe and his wife's burial place, it is believed they are interred in a private burying ground or that their graves are among the many unmarked in Christ church cemetery. Upon this land, located at Host's Post Office, four miles north of Womelsdorf, Berks County, George Peter Zerbe lived from 1723 till his death, about 1782.

(Note 1—(Part 1.) (Penna. Archives, 5th Series, Vol. 1, p. 50.) (Indian Forts, Vol. 1.)



REAR VIEW OF MANSION ON SITE OF MARTIN ZERBE'S LAND, SETTLED UPON IN 1723.

GEORGE PETER ZERBE—HOMESTEAD OF

Here, at the present time, in the midst of a beautiful grove of mighty oaks, stands an old colonial mansion, built 1802, by Christopher Leiss, who purchased the land from George Ege, who bought it from the heirs of George Peter Zerbe, October 22, 1783, to wit: Elizabeth, married to Conrad Minnich; Anna Maria, married to Leonard Rieth, (Reed), both of Brunswick Township; Valentine, John, Peter, George and Michael. The four former conveyed their interest in the land to the three latter and Peter, Jr., sold the land to George Ege. Recorder's office, Berks County court house, Deed Book 8, Vol. 1, pp. 103-4. The original deed refers to Caspar Wistar of the one part and George Peter Zerbe of the other, of Tulpehocken Township, Lancaster County, May 5, 1742, and says—"this was settled with Thomas Penn." Zerbe's Creek is mentioned and the number of acres as being 153 and 228 "in his actual possession." The heirs spell their name "Zerbe" in the signatures. Deeds for settlement of lands in Tulpehocken, January 2, 1735, Chester County, recorded, Book D 2, Vol. 2, p. 148, at Philadelphia, Recorder of Deeds. (Penna. Archives, Vol. 1, pp. 400-405. Map of Fell's Manor, Series 3, Vol. 24, p. 521.)

The children of George Peter Zerbe and Christina Loucks were:

Peter Zerbe, Jr. b. 1738; m. Elizabeth ——.

Elizabeth Zerbe, b. 1740, d. 1796; m. Conrad Minnich.

Valentine Zerbe, b. 1743, m. Salome Ney.

Michael Zerbe, b. 1744, d. 1806, m. Anna Maria Donmier, June 4, 1776.

Johannes Zerbe, bap. 1745, m. Maria Margaret Aungst, April 2, 1771; second wf., widow, Elizabeth Kronberger, January 29, 1805.

Anna Maria Zerbe, b. April 23, 1747, d. May 24, 1827, m. Leonard Rieth, December 20, 1768.

Maria Zerbe, b. 1749, bap. 1750, d. November 13, 1751.

George Zerbe, b. April 24, 1750, d. Jan. 19, 1814, m. Barbara Sponchuchen, June 23, 1778. (Christ Church records.)

(Note—If one child died, its name was frequently given to another. This duplication adds to the difficulty of adjusting the baptismal records.)

The account of the vendue of Heinrich Boyer, on another page, April 13, 1757, (near McKeansburg), shows George Peter Zerbe to have bought some trivial articles at this sale of his brother-in-law's. This visit was probably not his first to what is now Schuylkill County. His first cousin, John Zerbe the miller, had taken up a thousand acres of land on this side of the Blue Mountain, 1754, and Peter Minnich and son, Conrad, (George Peter's future son-in-law), had settled in Brunswick Township, 1752, on the site of the Seven Stars Hotel. George Kohl, of Cumru Township, son-in-law of John Zerbe, of Cumru, also attended the sale. It was considered a mark of respect on the part of the kinsmen to attend and purchase something.

Between Zarva's Creek and the house is a remarkably fine large spring, over which was built a large spring house, Gothic architecture, with mansard roof (cut on another page). Over and aside of this spring stood the log house erected by Martin Zerbe, 1723, in which George Peter Zerbe lived until he built another home upon the site on which Christopher Leiss afterward built the stone house, still standing.

To make way for the stone spring house one half of the old log house was removed, the other half, built in 1723, still remains. The owner of the place, at present, is Miss Hattie Shaffner, daughter of Mrs. Jacob Shaffner, Womelsdorf; and Mrs. Hammeker, a sister of Mrs. Shaffner, owns the tract above, that also belonged to the Zerbe estate. Christopher Leiss, died July 26, 1826. He left one son, John, and five daughters[1]. (Will Book 5, p. 508, Berks County court house.)

Abraham Louck, Heidelberg, January 28, 1771—August 15, 1772, (Vol. II, p. 115), who sold his real estate to his sons, George and Abraham, devises all his personal estate to four

(Note 1—Abstract of Wills of Berks County, Vol. 1 1752-1798, p. 167. Collection of Genealogical Societies of Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania Historical Society, Philadelphia.)

daughters, in four equal shares; one quarter to Christina, married to George Peter Zerbe (Martin) and one quarter to be divided in two equal shares, to Elizabeth, married to Peter Zerbe, the remaining two quarters to the granddaughters and his daughter Elizabeth; and the land to the two sons.

THIRD GENERATION

Peter[3] Zerbe, Jr., (George[2] Peter, Martin[1]), b. 1738; wife, Elizabeth. At the death of his father, George Peter, he bought the rights of the other heirs in his father's plantation, in Tulpehocken Township, Recorder's office, October 22, 1783, (B. 8, Vol. 1, p. 103.) He also bought land from Valentine Bender, Grantor, Peter Zerbe, Grantee, December 2, 1797, (B. 16, p. 104.) Casper Wister, Penn's agent, appears in this transaction as Grantor to Peter Zerbe, October 22, 1783, selling to the said Peter the water rights of "branch of the Tulpehocken," (Sarva's Run), B. 8, p. 101. Peter Zerbe, Jr., had one daughter, Elizabeth, bap. July 22, 1771, (Christ Church.) Sponsors, his brother, Johannes and wife, Maria Margaret Aungst. Peter Zerbe Jr., lived in Tulpehocken Township until his death. (Map of Pioneer Homesteads.) He was in the Revolutionary War, Continental Line (Record, Part 1.) Elizabeth Zerbe, daughter of Peter, married Captain David Baker, who was in the War of the Revolution. Peter Zerbe, in his will, probated October 2, 1797, bequeathed 100 pounds to his wife, and fifty pounds to each of his daughter Elizabeth's children when twenty-one years old.[1]

Elizabeth[3] Zerbe, (George[2] Peter, Martin[1]), b. 1740, confirmed at the age of 19 years 6 months, (Christ Church), m. Conrad Minnich about 1768; d. 1796. (For additional record see history of Conrad Minnich, in the Muenchs, this volume.)

Valentine[3] Zerbe (George[2] Peter, Martin[1]), b. 1748, lived and died in Tulpehocken Township; wf., Salome, daughter of Valentine Ney. Valentine Zerbe is mentioned as executor of

(Note 1—Abstract of Wills, Berks County C. H.)

his father-in-law's will, July 19, 1790. (Abstract of Wills, Gen. Society, Phila.) He is on the tax list as land owner, 1798. Their children were:

1768, March 27, Mary Magdalena. Michael (Valentine's brother) and wf. Anna Maria Zerbe, sponsors.
1770, March 14, Jonathan.
1775, March 6, Hannah Elizabeth. Sponsors, Maria Elizabeth Zerbe and George "Neu" (Ney.)
1776, May 2, Andreas. (Rehersburg Church records.)
To Andreas Zerbe and wf. was born a son, William James, 1837. (Christ Church records.)
Jonathan, son of Valentine Zerbe, m. Margaret Weiser, May 1, 1795. (Christ Church records.)

SERGEANT MICHAEL ZERBE

Michael Zerbe. There were two Michaels of the third generation and two of the fourth. Those of the fourth generation were the sons of the third generation of Michaels, who were first cousins.

Michael[3] Zerbe, (George[2] Peter, Martin[1]), b. 1744, d. 1806, m. Anna Maria Donmier, June 4, 1776. Children bap.:

1777, July 5, Michael. Sponsors, John George and Barbara Zerbe, (Michael's brother.)
1779, March 12, Salome.
1781, February 6, Anna Marie.
1782, August 28, Elizabeth. Sponsors, Benjamin and Elizabeth Zerbe, (his cousin.)
1791, September 29, Barbara.
1794, September 20, Eva.
1796, February 24, Johannes. Sponsors, Michael and Anna Maria Zerbe, parents, stood for the last three children.
1800, February 7, Anna Margarette.
(Christ Church records, Stouchsburg.)

Michael[3] Zerbe, d. 1806. His will was admitted to probate June 2, 1806. Tulpehocken Township, Jacob Shafer, administrator. (Abstract of Wills, Genealogical Society, Phila., Vol. 2, 1798—1825.)

Michael[3] Zerbe, Second Sergeant, Capt. George Miller's company, from Bethel and Tulpehocken Townships, December 13, 1777 On duty at South Amboy, N. J. (Zerbes in the Revolution, Part 1.)

Michael[4] Zerbe, (Michael[3]), b. July 5, 1777, d. November 14, 1844; wf., Elizabeth Shaffer, b. February 21, 1780, d. May 4, 1840; m. May 24, 1799. (Jacob Zerbe's Family Bible.) (Jacob, son of Michael[4] Zerbe.) Children:

1801, December 3, Johannes.
1802, September 24, John Jacob.
1811, Jonathan.
(Christ Church Records, Stouchsburg.)
1813, Magdelena.
1814, Lydia.
(Jacob Zerbe's Family Bible, Womelsdorf.)
1817, December 30, Michael.
1819, August 31, E. ——.

Michael[4] Zerbe buried in Christ Church cemetery; also wf. Elizabeth.

Elizabeth Zerbe, da. of Michael[4] and Elizabeth Zerbe; b. January 14, 1806; d. October 22, 1864; wf. of Mathias Deck.

Israel Zerbe, son of Mathias Deck and Elizabeth Zerbe, b. February 12, 1834; d. July 5, 1855. (Tombstones Christ Church cemetery.)

Dr. Thomas T. Zerbe, of Schaefferstown, Lebanon County, says: "Many of the Zerbes on this side of the Blue Mountain are afflicted with asthma. It is hereditary and there is a family tradition that we inherit it from an ancestor (Michael[3]), who contracted it from exposure while in the Revolutionary army."

Michael[4] Zerbe settled one mile north of what is now Mt. Aetna, Berks County, where Jonathan Zerbe was born. Michael is on the Tax Lists, 1810, Tulpehocken Township.

Jonathan[5] Zerbe, (Michael[4], Michael[3], George[2], Martin[1].) b. 1811, d. 1876; m. Martha A. Meyer, d. 1896. Their children were:

Charles M., b. 1841.
Agnes, b. 1843.
Thomas Taylor, b. 1846.
Jane, b. 1850.
B. Frank, b. 1853.

Jonathan[5] Zerbe was a practicing physician at Mt. Aetna and his two sons, Thomas Taylor and B. Frank Zerbe, of Schaefferstown, Lebanon County, have succeeded him and are prominent in the medical profession. Charles M. Zerbe is a well known attorney of Lebanon, Pa.

Charles M. Zerbe, eldest son of Dr. Jonathan Zerbe, m. Rebecca Yearsley, of Philadelphia, 1888. They have no issue.

Dr. Thomas[6] Zerbe, (Jonathan[5]), b. 1846, m. Emma E. Taylor, a descendant of the Boones of Exeter Township, Berks County, b. 1854. Their children are:

Florence T., b. 1882; Mabel R., b. 1884; Wm. Taylor, b. 1889; Marie M., b. 1890; Mabel R., m. Geo. E. Reiter, d. Children: George Zerbe, b. 1905; Muriel Marie, b. 1907; W. Emily, b. 1911.

Dr. B. Frank[6] Zerbe (Jonathan[5]), b. 1853, m. Ida Susan Lanser, b. 1856. Son, Charles Lanser, b. 1885.

Jane[6] M. Zerbe, b. 1850, d. 1911, (Jonathan[5]); m. Jacob Hickernell, d. Children: Fred. Zerbe, b. 1874; Charles T., Attorney, Lebanon, Pa., b. 1878; Frank J., b. 1880; Cyrus D., b. 1882; Jennie A., b. 1886; Annie M., b. 1888; Norma A., b. 1893.

Children of Fred. Zerbe Hickernell: Hattie, Frank, William, Martha, Harold, Elsie, George, John.

Children of Frank J. Hickernell: Russel, Esther, Hilda.

Children of Cyrus D. Hickernell: Minerva, Eugene, Grace, Ethel, Norma.

Agnes[6] Zerbe, b 1843, d. 1869, m. Dr. George Mays, d.; left no issue.

Michael[5] Zerbe, (Michael[4]), b. December 30, 1817; m. Elizabeth Lillian Stambaugh. Children: Jonathan, Reading, Pa.; William, Myerstown; Prosper, Newmanstown; Alexander, d.; Mrs. Hartman, d., Richland; Mrs. Leininger, Meyerstown; Da., Emmeline, bap. November 14, 1848.

John[5] Jacob Zerbe, (Michael[4]), b. September 24, 1802; d. 1836, m. Sarah Scholl, February 18, 1834; b. March 30,

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1802; d. March 14, 1882; c., Melinda, b. November 22, 1835, (grandparents, Michael and Elizabeth Zerbe, sponsors); d. September 12, 1851. Franklin, b. 1822, d. 1870, m. Elizabeth Heffelfinger, October 31, 1846, b. July 29, 1828, living at the age of 85 years (1913) at her home in Womelsdorf. Their children were: Silas, Reading, b. September 9, 1847; Sarah C., b. April 29, 1851, m. Simon Moyer, d., October 11, 1857; left daughter, Sarah. Franklin Zerbe was the town clerk of Womelsdorf, 1866. He was a school teacher, justice of the peace, and a remarkable penman. He is buried in Union cemetery, Womelsdorf, Pa. (Jacob and Franklin Zerbe Family Bibles, and Christ Church records.)

(Note—An interesting historical building in Womelsdorf is the stone tavern, built 1762, by Jacob Seltzer and still known as the Seltzer House. Here Washington stopped over night, November 13, 1793. Womelsdorf was then called Middletown.)

Johannes[3] (George[2] Peter, Martin[1]), son of George Peter and Christina Loucks Zerbe; bap. 1745; m. Maria Margaret Aungst, April 2, 1771. Their children were: Johannes, bap. February 3, 1772; George Peter and Anna Christina Zerbe, sponsors; John George, bap. May 4, 1773; m. Susanna Miller, December 1, 1799; Peter, bap. May 12, 1781. John Zerbe came over the Blue Mountains about 1780 and settled in Pinegrove Township, the locality afterward included in Manheim. The census of 1790 gives him as having seven children. He is supposed to have returned to Berks County and his children migrated West from here after his death, as none of his branch are located in Schuylkill County. His wife died about 1803 and he re-married (Trinity Lutheran Church records, Reading), John Zerbe, of Manheim, Berks County, January 29, 1805, m. Elizabeth Kronberger, widow, of Bern Township.

Anna[3] Maria Zerbe (George[2] Peter, Martin[1]), b. April 25, 1748, (Christ Church records), d. May 24, 1827, (Jacobs

Church records); m. at Reading, December 20, 1768, (Trinity Lutheran Church records). For additional history see Rieths or Reeds, on another page. Of the children of George Peter Zerbe, his sons, Peter, Jr., John, Michael and John George, were in the Revolutionary War; Valentine being the only one of whom no record is found in the archives. Two sons-in-law, Capt. Conrad Minnich and Wagonmaster, Leonard Rieth, were also engaged in the struggle.[1]

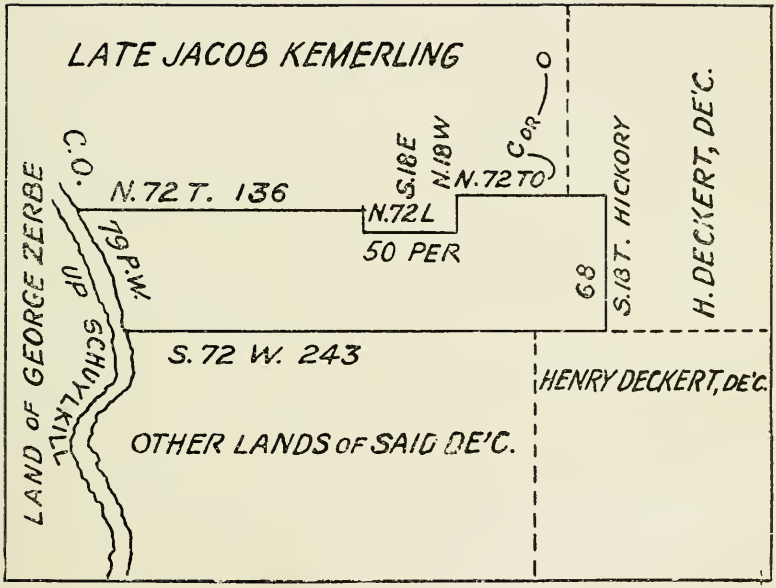
John Zerbe's record, one of the three John Zerbes, recorded in the Adjutant General's office, War Dept., Washington, D. C., Capt. Weaver's company, Berks County, from April 5, 1779.

JOHN GEORGE ZERBE

John George[3] Zerbe, (George[2] Peter, Martin[1]), b. April 24, 1750, d. January 19, 1814, aged 63 years, 8 months and 25 days. Buried in St. John's Lutheran and Reformed cemetery, Friedensburg, Schuylkill County, Pa.; married Barbara, da. of John Bernhard Sponchuchen, June 23, 1778, (Christ Church Records, Stouchsburg, Pa.) The text upon his tombstone reads: "Gott kann mir das leben wieder geben," 2d Timothy, 4th Chap. Barbara Sponchuchen, b. March 9, 1758, d. January 25, 1817, buried in the Reformed cemetery, Orwigsburg, beside her son, Henry Zerbe (first husband of Hannah Miller Schwalm.) Barbara Sponchuchen, wife of (John) George Zerbe, after his death lived with her daughter, Mrs. Catharine Grieff, between Orwigsburg and Schuylkill Haven, until her death, three years later, aged 59 years, 1 month, 12 days.

(Note—Deed book, 12-22, Berks Co. C. H. Deed granted John Klinger and wf. Mary, May 11, 1771, for 100 acres of land adjoining Deppen and Stephen Lengel, Heidelberg Township. The heirs of John Klinger (see Phillip Zerbe, of Pinegrove Township), mentioned as: John, Peter, Adam, Bar-

(Note 1—Part 1, Rev. Records.)



LAND OF GEORGE ZERBE, LOCATED, 1785, AT SCHUYLKILL HAVEN, PA., NEAR OLD COVERED BRIDGE, MANHEIM TOWNSHIP.

bara, wife of Leonard[3] Zerbe (John[2] the m.); Margaret Elizabeth, wf. of Christian Witman, Christiana, wf. of Jacob Eigler; Elizabeth, wf. of Frederick Rieth, and Catharine Eva, wf. of John Bernhard Sponchuchen, parents of Eva Barbara Sponchuchen, who married George Zerbe.)

John Bernhard Sponchuchen wrote his own will, date January 27, 1780. Proved, February 21, 1780, on record Berks County court house. There were three children: Barbara, Catharine and Bastian. The latter is under age and John Hubley is named as testamentary guardian. Bastian shall have the "plantation" for 40 £. Catharine shall have the same as her sister Barbara. One cow, one sheep, a hive of bees and her "house stire." The widow had her dower. Sebastian Sponchuchen lived in Fredericksburg, Lebanon County, about 1800. The "plantation" was between George Peter Zerbes and his cousin, John the miller, in Tulpehocken and Heidelberg Townships.

(Note—Barbara, wf. of (John) George Zerbe, September 21, 1804, sold land to Garson M. Huyett and wf., D. B. 8-321-83.)

(John) George Zerbe lived in Tulpehocken and Heidelberg Townships nearly eight years after his marriage, 1778. His father-in-law d. 1780, and his father, George Peter, d. bet. 1780-'82. He probably lived between the two plantations.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR RECORD

"George Seriver," from Heidelberg Township, Capt. John Patton's Co., Lancaster County, 7th Co., 6 Bat., Col. Jas. Taylor (c). From the original muster rolls, April 15, 1783, public records, Harrisburg. Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series, Vol. 7, p. 619, (Part 1.)

He took the oath of allegiance March 31, 1777; was on the first census list taken in Pennsylvania, 1790, from Berks County and appears on the first tax list published in Schuylkill County, 1810, and on the Brunswick Township list as

taxpayer, 1787. Two of his children were baptized at Host's church, Johann Adam and Johannes.

(Note—The first church at Host's was then both Lutheran and Reformed, now Reformed; a log house was built, 1759.)

(Note—Heidelberg Township, Lancaster County, was divided by the Berks County line, ran 1752. Part of the township remained in Lancaster County. Bethel Township was also so divided, part being included in Dauphin. The Zerbes in Lancaster County did not migrate there from Berks, they were in Lancaster when the division was effected. Heidelberg, before the division, comprised all the land south of the Tulpehocken creek. Myerstown, Lebanon County, where some of the Zerbes settled, and Schaefferstown, where they are numerous, was all in Heidelberg Township, which was so named before 1729, when that region was included in Chester County, although it was not formally erected until 1752. Heidelberg Township has been divided into north, lower and Heidelberg Townships, since, part as stated, having remained in Lancaster County. George "Seriver", of North Heidelberg Township, with some of his neighbors, enlisted over the line in Lancaster County, where his cousin Valentine Zerbe lived.)

John George Zerbe came to Pinegrove Township, afterward Manheim, to prospect, January 27, 1785, returning to the Tulpehocken, February 14th. He came again to settle, September 21, 1785.

November 19, 1788, Benjamin[3] Zerbe (John[2] the m., Lorentz[1]), grantor to George Zerbe, grantee, (John[3] George) was conveyed in said township, 96 acres of land, returned October 17, 1837, by George Kerschner, Deed Book 11, p. 102, Berks County court house. George Zerbe, warrantee, Manheim Township, February 17, 1791, 170 acres returned September 18, 1824, by Daniel Shappell.[1]

(Note 1—Deed Book, Recorder's office, Berks County.)

The surveys, acreage and dates of the above and the following do not altogether correspond, but they refer to the same land, as the names of the patentees and the boundaries of the land in partition, in the Orphans' Court, Schuylkill County, will attest.

Department of Internal Affairs, Harrisburg, Penna.: "George Zerbe, September 21, 1785, surveyed 96 acres of land in Brunswick Township, Berks County; 49 acres, 148 perches were patented October 17, 1837, by George Kerschner. Another warrant, February 17, 1791, for a survey of 75 acres, 6 perches, was returned as land in Manheim Township, Berks County. This tract was patented to Daniel Shappell, September 18, 1824. Benjamin Zerbe (son of John the m.), sold land to his brother, George Adam, and his cousin, John George. Part of the large tract of 658 acres, patented 1754, this side of the Blue Mountain by John, the miller. Benjamin Zerbe mortgaged this land and this doubtless accounts for the discrepancies in the acreage and dates, he selling the above to clear the mortgages.

1788, Recorder's office, Berks County: "John Zerbe,Sr., the miller, gives to Benjamin (his son), of Pinegrove Township, for 200 pounds in silver and gold, paid in installments now satisfied, land north to John Zerbe, Sr., then to John Zerbe, Jr., tract of 658 acres." The land sold to John[3] George Zerbe, (George[2] Peter) and George[3] Adam (John, the miller), by Benjamin[3] (John, the miller).

(Note—The court house records, Dauphin County, show a Benjamin "Zerger" who took up four acres additional land, May 17, 1819, and patented it May 24, 1820. Benjamin Zerbe lived in that part of Bethel Township, Berks County, that was divided, a part of which was included in Dauphin County and this land probably belonged to his tract in Bethel, the addition being made necessary by the re-division of the townships and counties.)

The tracts were situated on the Schuylkill river (near Schuylkill Haven), where the covered bridge crosses the west branch, on the Long Run valley road and toward the top of

the hill overlooking Cressona. Here George Zerbe conducted a fulling mill on the stream, and like all the early Zerbes, being inclined to rural life, ran the two farms.

The situation was ideal. The river then, at the foot of the hill, was a clear and limpid stream, north, northeast and northwest were the Sharp Mountains and the first and second or Tumbling Run spurs of the same range. Far beyond, and in the dim distance of where Pottsville was erected almost forty years later, was the Broad Mountain range, and south to Windsor and stretching to Albany Township was the Blue Mountain range, on the other side of which lay the fertile valley of the South Mountains, with the rich farming land of Pinegrove and Bern Townships, between the latter on both sides of the Blue Mountains, making a picture of wild and picturesque beauty and cultivated land hard to describe in these days of commercial enterprises and money-making schemes: "For God made the country, but man made the town." Here George Zerbe lived from 1785 to 1814, when he died.

(JOHN) GEORGE AND ANNA BARBARA ZERBE'S CHILDREN

The children of (John) George and Anna Barbara Zerbe were:

Johann Adam Zerbe, b. April 24, bap. May 6, 1779; sponsors, Bernhardt Sponchuchen and wf., grandparents. (Host's Church records.)

Johannes Zerbe, b. September 27, 1780; bap. October 14, 1780 (Host's Church records); m. Elizabeth, a born Zerbe, December 25, 1812, b. February 27, 1786, d. March 31, 1838.

Susanna Catharine b. December 10, 1781; bap. December 20, (Rehersburg Church records); m. Wm. Grieff.

Eva Margaret, bap.October 9, 1783. Sponsors, Michael Zerbe and wife, Anna Maria Donmier, uncle and aunt, (Rehersburg Church records); m. Wendel Schwartz.

George[4] Zerbe, b. November 21, 1789; d. June 18, 1865; m. Magdelena, da. of Michael and Elizabeth Merkle, b. September 28, 1796, d. July 22, 1871.

Daniel Zerbe, b. April 3, 1793, d. Feb. 4, 1846, m. Hannah Hummel, b. April 14, 1793, d. March 10, 1878.

Henry Zerbe (Henry and Daniel twins), b. April 3, 1793, d. February 14, 1816; m. Hannah Miller, whose second husband was Andrew Schwalm.

Anna Maria, b. October 18, 1796; bap. December 11, sponsors, the parents; m. John Adam Miller, 1815, confirmed 1810, d. August 20, 1856, (St. John's Lutheran Church, Friedensburg.)

Book 1, Orphans Court of Schuylkill County, Register's office. Estate of George Zerbe, of Manheim Township.

(John) George Zerbe died intestate. November 3, 1815, petition of John Adam, eldest son of George Zerbe, who died January 19, 1814, leaving widow Barbara and eight (8) children, to wit: Your petitioner, John Adam, John, George, Henry, Daniel, Eve, wife of Wendel Schwartz; Catharine, wife of Wm. Grieff; Maria, still a minor but married to John Adam Miller. The land in Manheim Township, bounded by land of George Berkheiser and the Schuylkill river, about 97 acres, and another plantation bounded by the Schuylkill and land of Jacob Dreibelbeis, of 130 acres, also a lot of ground in the town of Friedensburg, number six. The petition for a partition of estate was granted at the court house, Orwigsburg, and the estate appraised 97¾ acres, 130 acres, in all 228 acres, at 11 pounds and 18 shillings per acre. The lot in Friedensburg brought 40 dollars.

(Note—The currency of Pennsylvania was by Act of Parliament made in the sixth year of the reign of Queen Anne for the Plantations of America. One shilling and four pence was of equal value to one shilling sterling, and twenty shillings equalled one pound.

(Manuscript 1, Chester County, 1684 to 1847, Vol. 2, p. 95.)

Johann Adam Zerbe was six years old when his parents removed from the Tulpehocken to "Brunswick" (Manheim) Township, and thirty-six when he petitioned the court for a division of his father's estate. Tradition says he lived in Bern Township. He was married, 1804 (Summer Hill Church records). John George, son of Anna Maria and John Adam Zerbe, b. November 17, 1805, bap. February 23, 1806, sponsors, (John) George and Anna Barbara Zerbe, grandparents. He is supposed to have migrated north to Northumberland County and thence to Lycoming or Clearfield County.

Johannes Zerbe, was born in the Tulpehocken and removed at the age of five years with the family to Manheim Township. He returned early to Bern Township, where he lived until his death; both he and his wife being buried at Belleman's church, Centre Township, Berks County. He married Elizabeth[4] Zerbe, (George[3], John[2] the m., Lorentz[1].) She was the third child of George[3] Zerbe, (Revolutionary War soldier); m. to Christina Wenrich and was raised near Womelsdorf. Sybilla, wf. of Daniel Class, was a sister of Elizabeth.

(Note—George Zerbe on another page.)

The children of John[4] Zerbe and Elizabeth, a born Zerbe, were:

Maria Zerbe, b. March 29, 1814; d. June 28, 1866; m. Jonathan Bagenstose.

The children of Jonathan Bagenstose and Maria Zerbe were: Elias, John, Catharine and Daniel, d.

Israel Bagenstose, Center Twp., Berks Co.; b. November 25, 1833.

William Bagenstose, Center Twp., Berks Co.; b. September 20, 1835.

Henry Bagenstose, Center Twp., Berks Co., b. September 23, 1849.

Isaac Bagenstose, Mahanoy City, Schuylkill Co., Pa.; b. November 26, 1847.

Levi Bagenstose, Downingtown, Chester Co., b. September 9, 1851.

Sarah, b. March 13, 1843; m. Mayberry Leimbach, Centre Township, Berks Co.

Darius, d., buried, St. Michael's cemetery, Upper Bern Twp.

Daniel Zerbe, b. January 13, 1823; d. February 13, 1872; wf. Susanna Althouse, d. Children: Howard M. Zerbey, Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co.; m.; two daughters d., in infancy. Operator in shoe manufactory.

John A. Zerbey, Centreport, Berks County; m., one daughter, wf. of Willis Rentschler, same place.

HON. DANIEL ZERBE

Daniel[5] Zerbe, son of John[4], lived at Belleman's church, near Bernville. He disliked farming and was largely self educated, fitting himself for the profession of school teacher. He was the organist at Belleman's church, Justice of the peace and a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, 1849-50 and 1853. Daniel Zerbe was one of fifty-four signers who, in November 1820, petitioned the county Court of Quarter Sessions for a division of Tulpehocken Township, and was a

viewer. He filled many offices of public trust in the township in which he lived. He died at the age of 49 years.

This branch of the family are all buried at Belleman's cemetery.

Susanna Catherine Zerbe, wf. of Wm. Grieff. Their children were:

Daniel Grief, b. March 26, 1812; bap. May 10; sponsors, George and Barbara Zerbe, grandparents. (Summer Hill church records.)

William Grief, m. Sarah Moll.

Anna Maria Grief, d., single; b. June 9, 1812; bap. August 9; sponsor, Anna Maria Zerbe.

Phoebe Grief, d., single.

Elizabeth, wf. of Daniel Hillegas.

Catharine, wf. of Phillip Weiser, grandson of Conrad Weiser.

Susan, wf. of Henry Krebs.

Rebecca, wf. of John Ege.

Sarah, first wife of Jeremiah Yeager.

Louisa, second wife of Jeremiah Yeager.

Jeremiah Yeager died in California. His daughter, Louisa, single, lives in Orwigsburg.

William Grieff was born in the Rhenish Palatinate, Zweibruck. He came to this country with the soldiers for the British crown. He was in the battle of Trenton, where he was taken prisoner and confined in the prison pen at Reading for an entire winter, suffering untold hardships. Like many of these unfortunates, he was not a free agent in the matter, but was pressed into the service of the King. He came to Schuylkill County before its erection and made a most exemplary citizen. He served as steward of the almshouse for nine years, and filled other offices of trust. He lived for a time on the turnpike where the trolley road from Schuylkill Haven makes the bend, opposite Thomas Kerns' farm, where stood the old stone grist mill which he ran and where his mother-in-law, Mrs. George Zerbe (Barbara Sponchuchen), died. He afterward removed to Orwigsburg, where he lived until his death.

(Note—The Grieffs are mainly buried in the "New Jerusalem" cemetery, Spring Garden, Schuylkill Haven.)

Daniel Grieff, son of Catharine Zerbe and Wm. Grieff, wf. Maria Krebs, da. of Col. Jacob Krebs, who was a member of Congress from Berks and Schuylkill Counties for four years, and in the Legislature for eight consecutive years. The Krebs family lived near where the Schuylkill County almshouse now stands. Mrs. Jacob Huntzinger was a daughter of Jacob Krebs. (Miss Alice Krebs (Daniel Krebs), assistant to postmaster, Pottsville, is a descendant of Jacob Krebs.) Daniel and Maria Grieff had two sons and nine daughters, among whom were: Mrs. Lewis Kimmel, Orwigsburg; Mrs. Morgan Reed, d.; and Charles Grieff, d., single, both of Pottsville.

(Note—Charles Grieff was for many years bookkeeper at the "Daily Republican" newspaper office, Pottsville, Pa.)

The descendants of Wm. Grieff live at Port Clinton and Cressona.

Eva Margaret Zerbe, m. George Wendel Schwartz, son of Peter and Catharine Schwartz; b. November 9, 1781. Was a taxable in Berks County before Schuylkill was erected, 1811, when he appears on the tax list in Pinegrove Township. The duplicate shows him in 1820 as being the second highest in valuation in that township. In 1829, when the township was divided, his farm was included in Wayne Township. He married Eva[4] Zerbe. George Wendel Schwartz and wife Eva are buried in St. John's cemetery, Friedensburg, (Rehersburg, Berks County, church records.) Their children were:

George Schwartz, who moved north along the Susquehanna river, and died there.

Daniel Schwartz, who lived east of Pinegrove; c., John, Daniel (contractor), both of Pinegrove; William, d., farmer, of Washington Twp.; Joseph, Cressona, d. 1912; son, Charles, Pine Grove. Other children: John Adam Schwartz, b. February 7, 1787; Michael, bap. April 17, 1789, taxable in Pine Grove Township, 1820; Elizabeth, m. John Herring.

Catharine, m. Daniel Zerbe, Sr., lived east of Pinegrove. Their children were:

August 1, 1824, Daniel Zerbe, Jr.
February 20, 1826, Levi Zerbe.
April 20, 1828, Jared Zerbe.
December 19, 1830, Louisa, d. 1853.
June 2, 1832, Edward Zerbe.
July 24, 1834, Solomon Zerbe.
January 4, 1836, Mary Ann Zerbe.
June 29, 1837, Levi Zerbe.
1840, Kate Zerbe.

(Hetzel's church records, Washington Twp., Schuylkill Co.)

Benneville Hummel, father of Hon. Ed. Hummel, was married to the above Louisa Zerbe. Mrs. Jacob Luckenbill, of Schuylkill Haven, was a daughter.

HERRING FAMILY TRADITION

Jonathan Herring—Shortly after the formation of Schuylkill County a man and woman came over the mountain from Berks County to Pinegrove Township. They drove a fine span of horses with a light wagon of city make. It being near the noon hour, they alighted at a farm house, where the horses were fed and the couple took dinner.

With them was a lusty infant boy, of about a year old, which the woman nursed and to which both seemed much attached. It being a very warm day, the infant slept on the bed of the farmer's wife, and the supposed mother plead with their hostess that the baby be permitted to sleep on until they returned. The man having related a plausible story of their coming to locate on a tract of land several miles up the valley, they would return by sundown, and with the farmer's permission, remain over night and then depart over the mountain for their goods and chattels and remove to the tract.

The sun went down and the day closed, as well as several more, but the pair did not return. The farmer made inquiries in several directions, but no trace of the team or the man and woman was ever found or heard of.

From the fact that the infant was well supplied with a good stock of fine clothing, which was left at the farm house, it was surmised that the couple came there with the intention of abandoning the child in a good home, if they found it.

The boy was a healthy and handsome child. The farmer and his wife became very much attached to him and raised him as their own. He did not disappoint his foster-parents and made good, owning one of the best farms in Washington Township at the time of his death.

John Herring, as he was known, was married to Elizabeth Schwartz, daughter of Wendel and Eva Schwartz. Of this union was born six sons and two daughters.

Jonathan Herring was born January 3, 1840. He lived in Washington Township all his life. He was engaged in the civil war under Col. Daniel Nagle and was a member of Wolfe Post, G. A. R. He was married to Mary Ann Schwartz, daughter of John and Eva Schwartz, by whom he had nine children, five sons and four daughters.—Pottsville "Republican."

(Note—The above was related the author by Jonathan Herring, d.)

DANIEL ZERBE, CRESSONA

Daniel Zerbe. Wf., Hannah Hummel; b., April 14, 1793; d. March 10, 1878. They had one daughter, Hannah (Merkle History), and owned a fine tract of land on the outskirts of Cressona. Daniel Zerbe worked on the canal, was a sub contractor on the Mine Hill Railway when it was being built and was in the truck and milk business, in which he was prosperous. The family home, a large, white, well built farm house, is still standing. He was a deacon in the "New Jerusalem," or "White Church," January 1, 1827, and in the church council, having signed the constitution December 26, 1825, and a deacon, 1834. He was a Lutheran and a deacon before the church was built and appears on the list of contributors at the dedication. Daniel Zerbe and wife are both buried in the cemetery of this church, the date of their births and deaths were obtained from their tombstones.

Martin Dreibelbis donated land upon which the old school house was built and which was used for the first church services by both congregations. The first service was held December, 1820, and February 11, 1821, George Mennig began to serve as pastor. The school house was still used October 7, 1827. The corner stone was laid at that time and the "White Church" was dedicated June 1, 1828. William Mennig was elected pastor May 24, 1834. A division in the church

occurred and great bitterness of feeling followed. Henry Strauch retired. Many of the church records were lost or mislaid in the confusion. It is related that when the church was to be built, 1826, it was proposed to hold a lottery and tickets were fixed at $2.00. Wm. Grieff's name was on the hand bills and tickets, among others. Jacob Krebs, a member of the church and a member of the Legislature, prevailed upon them to withdraw the project.

Henry Zerbe, whose wife was Hannah Miller, who afterward married Andrew Schwalm, was born in Manheim Township, in the Long Run valley. He learned the trade of carpentering and while engaged at work had a sunstroke, from which an attack of typhoid fever resulted and from the effects of which he died, aged 22 years, 10 months and 11 days. (Tombstone, St. John's Reformed cemetery, Orwigsburg.) He was married October 8, 1815, and died after four months and 14 days' wedlock, leaving a posthumous son, Henry.

HENRY ZERBE, LEWISTOWN, MIFFLIN CO.

Henry[5] Zerbe (Henry[4].) On the death of Henry Zerbe, Sr., his father-in-law, Andrew Miller, took out letters of administration, March 28, 1816, on his real and personal estate, the heirs of his father, George Zerbe, having petitioned the court for a settlement of their father's estate, November 3, 1815. (Andrew Miller signed in the German script, Register's office, Schuylkill County court house.)

Hannah Miller, wf. of Henry[4] Zerbe, d., petitioned the Orphans' Court, of the County of Schuylkill, for a guardian for Henry Zerbe, a minor, of Orwigsburg, issue of Henry Zerbe, deceased. Michael Graeff was appointed by the court, 1816.

Henry[5] Zerbe, when fourteen years of age, (1830), asks the court to allow him to choose a guardian for himself, and Andrew Schwalm, his stepfather, was appointed. (Orphans' Court book, Schuylkill County C. H.)

Henry Zerbe was early inured to hard work and after a series of interchangeable fortunes, working in Schuylkill and other counties, he drifted, after the age of 21, to Lewistown, Mifflin County, Pa., where he engaged in the mercantile business, amassing considerable property and became a wealthy man for those days. Lewistown was then the terminus for the Union Canal and a large amount of trading was done at that point with the farmers of the Juniata Valley. The completion of the building of the Pennsylvania Railroad over the Alleghenies and the abandonment of the canal curtailed the business opportunities which had enriched many. Henry Zerbe was a prominent citizen of Lewistown and occupied many positions of public trust and was held in the highest esteem by his fellow citizens; he took but little interest in politics but did much for the business advancement of his home town. He was a Presbyterian in his church affiliations.

Henry[5] Zerbe (Henry[4], John[3] George, George[2] Peter, Martin[1]), posthumous son of Henry[4] Zerbe, was born at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill County, Pa., August 8, 1816, and died at Lewistown, Mifflin County, December 16, 1876. He was twice married. First wf., Matilda Spiece, b. at Lewistown, September 21, 1819; m. May 1, 1842; d., November 23, 1848. Children: Mary Jane, b. April 25, 1844, d. September 2, 1848; Hannah Catharine, b. April 6, 1846; d. August 8, 1858.

Henry Zerbe, second wf. Hannah Maria Rittenhouse; b. in Lewistown, December 24, 1825; d. January 20, 1905; m. January 1, 1850. The children of Henry Zerbe and wf., Hannah Maria Rittenhouse, da. of Joseph Rittenhouse and Susanna McFadden, were:

Charles Andrew, b. November 9, 1850; d. June 20, 1914; m. Cartie Burns Allison, March 18, 1880; c.: Fred. Allison, b. March 19, 1881; single; in the insurance business, also in the cement business in Philadelphia; Charles Andrew, b. June 9, 1886, d.

Mrs. Zerbe is a granddaughter of Gen. Burns, d., a prominent citizen of early Lewistown and a leading factor in Pennsylvania politics during and preceding the Civil War. Charles Zerbe was destined for the Law,

his sight being impaired, he abandoned the study and was engaged in the insurance business at the time of his death, having filled various offices of trust in his native town in the interim.

Henry Rittenhouse Zerbe, b. May 9, 1853; m. Ella Lida Firoved, b. March 20, 1857. No children. Stovedealer and tinsmith. Lives retired in handsome home.

Edward Miller Zerbe, b. June 1, 1857; died, single, December 11, 1898.

Frank J. Zerbe, b. August 18, 1860, single. Broker at the Exchange, Philadelphia.

The above deceased are buried at St. Mark's Episcopal cemetery, Lewistown, Mifflin County, Pa.

(Note—William Rittenhouse, b. 1664, in the principality of Broich, near the city of Mulheim on the Ruhr. He lived in Amsterdam, where he took the oath of citizenship, June 23, 1678. He emigrated to New York, 1688, and came to Germantown, Phila., 1690. He erected the first paper mill in America. He was the founder of the family to which David Rittenhouse, astronomer and statesman, belonged. The Rittenhouse family of Lewistown trace their ancestry back to the early founders of the family name in Germantown, Phila.)

JOHN ADAM MILLER

John Adam Miller, son of Heinrich Miller and Christina Sheppen, b. August 27, 1793, Bern Township, Berks County, married Anna[4] Maria Zerbe, (John[3] George, George[2] Peter, Martin[1]), of Manheim Township, Schuylkill County, about January 1, 1815. He removed with his family to Centre County, near Bellefonte, about 1819, where he took up a tract of land and farmed it. He became prosperous, his family owning several of the richest farms in that vicinity, some of them having retired and renting their homesteads, live in the city, where they also own property. John Adam and Anna Maria Zerbe Miller had six children. His second wife, with whom he had no issue, was Mrs. Catharine Spangler, who died May 5, 1877. Adam Miller d. March 17, 1871. Children:

Henry Miller, b. October 30, 1816, in Bern Township, Berks County, came to Centre County, when about three years of age, with his parents, where he became a prominent and prosperous farmer. He m. Catharine Miess, b. December 9, 1815, d. April 11, 1888. Henry Miller, d. May 24, 1881. Their children were:

William Henry Miller, b. April 11, 1844; d. January 23, 1907; m. Mary Ann Hoy, May 2, 1865, b. June 11, 1844; c., Sarah Emma, b. 1865, m., 1890, Charles Garis, b. 1868, d. 1898, at Spanish American War Hospital, Chickamauga. Children: William Henry, m. Lettie Reese, one child, Bessie

Louise; Catharine Ann, b. 1867, m. 1895, Charles E. Wetzel, b. 1866, c.: Mary Elizabeth and Susan, d., twins, b. 1896; Miles Thomas, b. 1899; Emma Caroline, b. 1903; Margaret Miller, b. October 4, 1845, d. 1893; Henry A., b. 1874, d. 1890.

Mary Margaretha Miller, b. October 4, 1845; d. September 15, 1851.

Sarah Jane, b. September 2, 1847, m. October 5, 1880, to John J. Musser, b. March 29, 1829, d. January 7, 1901. One daughter, Katharine S., b. March 11, 1883.

(Note—Mrs. Musser and daughter live in their own apartments in a business block, Bellefonte, Mrs. Musser owning the building.)

John Adam, b. July 9, 1849.

Anna Eliza, b. June 18, 1854; m. 1893, to John A. Slack.

Mary[3] Miller (John[2] Adam, Heinrich[1]), b. September 27, 1821, d. April 2, 1878; m. Samuel Greeninger. Children:

Thomas Greeninger, m. Caroline Spangler; no c., Tylersville, Penna. Daniel, m. western woman. Seven children live in the West, Jane, m. Luther Schreckengast; d., twelve c.; Blanche m. Mark Shade, of Brush Valley, Centre Co.; two c., Edward and one da.; Cyrus, m., two c. live near Laureltown, Pa.; Frances, m. Wm. Preston, of State College, twelve children, nine of whom are living. Bertha m. Charles Taylor, Huntington, Pa., two sons, Erie, d.; m. John Huss, Spring Mills; two children, Jennie and George; Hamilton E. m. Mattie Weaver, Farmer's Mills, Centre County, five c., Earl, Ruth, Pearl and Mary; Bessie m. John Guthrie, Philadelphia; da., Ruth. Mary m. Dr. Hibner, Bethlehem, c., Harold and Hildred; Lillie m. John Hanna, Boalsburg, Pa., seven children; Samuel, m., one child, Altoona; Harry m. Lottie Armbruster, Farmer's Mills, Pa.; son, Martin. Edna m. —— Hickernel, Colorado; Rebecca m. Scott Kerstetter; six children, Glen Iron, Pa.; Daisy m. Wm. M. Luse, two c., Centre Hall, Pa. Margaret and Helen; Samuel, Cleveland and Sumner, of Whitefish, Montana, all single; Thomas, single; Jennie m. Royston Powell; da. Geraldine, Glen Iron, Pa.

Ammon Miller, m. Rebecca Wolf, Philadelphia; c., Kinley, twice married, da. Helen; Bessie, Lottie Mary, single; Minnie, m., two children; Thomas, d.; Edward, m., two c.

Orpha Miller, m. Herman Bressler, Corning, N. Y.; c., Eva and Maude; Elizabeth m. James Cooney, da. Minnie m. — Heisher; c., Thomas and James.

Harriet Miller, m. Leonard Schreckengast; c., Mary, m. Samuel Strayer; da. Mary, m., live in the West; Alfred, m., one c., Tylersville, Pa.; Hannah m. J. H. Lutz; six c., Flemington, Pa.

Elizabeth Miller, b. June 2, 1819; d. May 1, 1887; m. Joseph Kleckner, d.

John Adam Miller, b. June 2, 1837; d. May 14, 1900; m. January 3, 1858, Mary Ann, da. of Frederick and Catharine Esterline, b. April 23, 1837; five children, two died in infancy; Edwin M., b. June 21, 1867, m. Regie Swartz, d.; son, Randall. Second wf., Sarah Aigler, two sons, Stanley and Ward Curtis; Edwin Miller, a physician, Beavertown, Pa. Melissa Grace Miller, b. February 7, 1864, m. George S. Frank, a physician,

no children, Millheim, Pa.; Adelia, Catharine b. December 21, 1878, m. Chauncy Frankenberger, da., Rhoda Grace, b. February 28, 1897, State College, Pa.

Rebecca Miller (Adam and Anna Maria Zerbe Miller), b. October 2, 1830; d. April 17, 1838.

Children of Harriet and Leonard Schreckengast: Mary, m. Samuel Strayer, Shickley, Nebraska; three children, Alfred, Effenger and Minnie, m., three children.

Alfred, b. June 27, 1847, m. Amanda Lutz, da. Tolitha, m., two children; Alfred's second wife, Agnes Greeninger, one son, Charles, m., two children; Hannah, b. September 17, 1853, m. J. H. Lutz, seven children, live at Flemington, Pa.; Kathryn, m. Samuel Miller, two children, Miriam and Ralph; Mary, m. John Lair, four children, Florence, Eleanor, Laura and Dorothy; Harry, m. Pearl Englert, da. Marguerite; Meda, m. Raymond Stabley, three children, Hazel, Julia and Clarence; Irvin, John and Florence are single.

(Note—John1 Adam Miller removed from Bern Township, Berks County, Pa., to Miles Township, Centre County, Pa., about 1818.)

The author is indebted to Mrs. Melissa Grace Miller, wife of Dr. George S. Frank, of Millheim, Pa., and to Miss Katharine Musser, of Bellefonte, for assistance in the compilation of the above.

MONEY TALKS

John Adam Miller's wife, Anna Maria Zerbe, died and he wanted to marry again. He came to Orwigsburg to get a wife and paid his addresses to the widow of his nephew, Daniel Grieff. The aged suitor was a prosperous man and while he made his proposal drew from his inner pocket a purple velvet bag, lined with yellow silk, untied the strings and poured the contents, several handsful of golden eagles and large golden coins, on the table. "Money talks," he said. "Yes, but not loud enough to me," said she, and he scooped up his gold and went elsewhere.

AN EARLY CHRISTMAS

One of the children asked the grandmother, Barbara Zerbe, if they kept Christmas and what they did to observe it? Why, yes; certainly, she said, the children of those days did not have much to celebrate Christmas with, but what they had they enjoyed as much, or more than, those of today. We lived in the country and brought from the forest branches of

the green fir trees which were placed over the doors, on top of the clock and glasses and china cupboard. The red thorn berries in bunches were tied up around. On the "Dresser" (sideboard) we placed two long rows of apples, red and green, that had been selected and highly polished. Between these rows were piled up in heaps chestnuts, walnuts and hickory nuts. We had small cakes cut with tin patterns. A few of these were ornamented with pink and white sugar. The only candy we knew of were small pink and white buttons of sugar, dropped in rows on white paper and long sticks of hoarhound and dark sugar candy, home-made and not very often or plenty at that. We popped corn and roasted chestnuts and then, why, Yes! of course, we had a roasted goose for our Christmas dinner, and our presents were useful articles of clothing: a pair of new shoes, a linsey wolsey dress or a knitted scarf or cap (hauben).

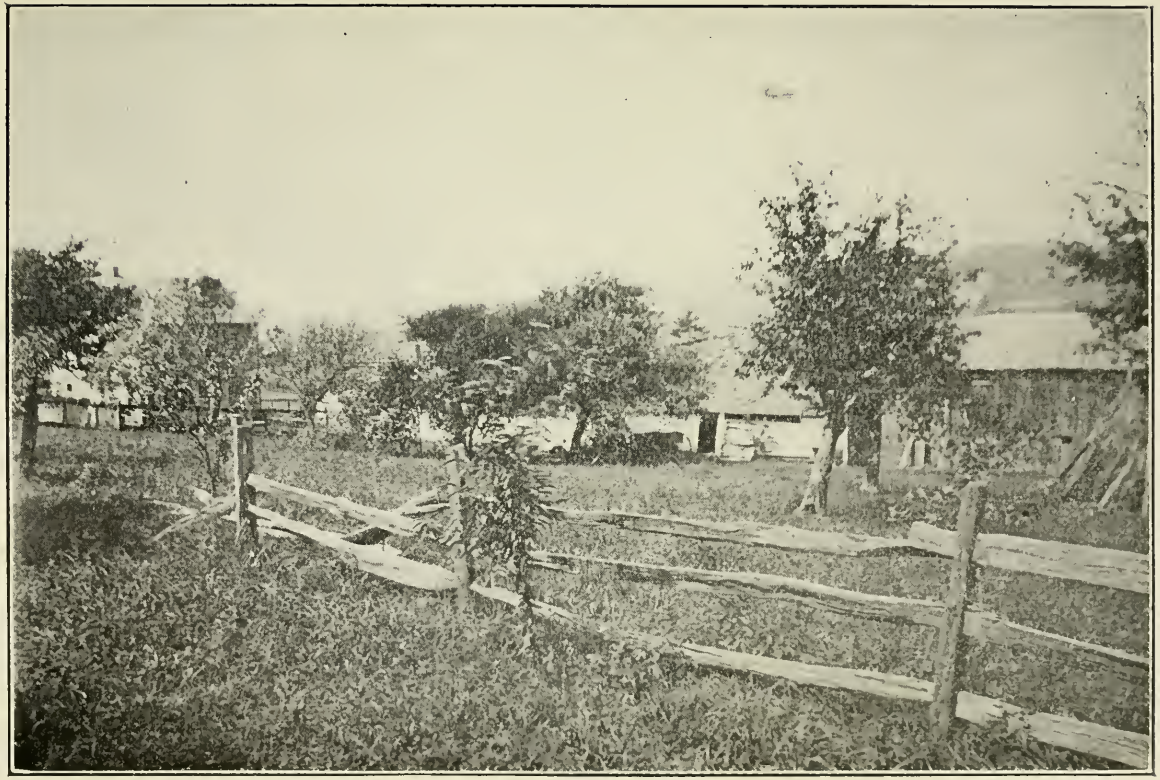
(Grandmother Barbara was born in 1758. Susan Grieff, wife of Henry Krebs, was the grandchild above referred to.)

FOURTH GENERATION—GEORGE ZERBE

George Zerbe, was born in the Long Run valley, the first farm from the Schuylkill Haven covered bridge. The farmhouse stood on the crest of the hill and was later occupied by Daniel Bartlett, who purchased part of the land; it was razed several years ago to make room for a more modern building. He rented a farm in the Panther Valley (Bender Thal), the land adjacent to Dr. F. W. Boyer's farm, and was the tract afterward owned by Mrs. George Frey, of Cressona. His marriage took place shortly after his father's death, 1814, and the family lived on this tract, where all but the three youngest children were born, until 1836.

(Note—George Zerbe was confirmed October 20, 1805, at 16 years of age. (St. John's Lutheran church records, Friedensburg.)

February 13, 1836, George Zerbe took out a deed, Samuel Kimmel, Grantee, for a tract of land in West Brunswick



GEORGE ZERBE HOMESTEAD, W. BRUNSWICK TWP., SCH. CO., PA., NEAR ORWIGSBURG.

Township, a mile and a quarter below Orwigsburg. This tract was surrounded by lands of Daniel Hummel, Phillip Wernert, Daniel Schoener and Peter Hummel. May 1, 1838, he bought an addition to this tract from Peter Hummel. (Deed book, Schuylkill Co. C. H.) He cleared the land and built a log house for his family which was succeeded by a large white painted farm house in later years. The land was not very productive and the family and hired help worked hard and incessantly until it became so. They planted their own flax and spun and wove their own linen, carpets, cloths and woolen coverlets, in a small log building erected on the farm, which was installed with looms, spinning wheels, carders, etc. (Some of the linen is still in possession of members of the family.) Everything possible was raised upon the farm as the acreage was limited and the family large.

George[1] Zerbe, (John[3] George, George[2] Peter, Martin[1]), b. November 21, 1789; d. June 18, 1865; wf., Magdelena Merkle, da. of Michael[2] (Peter[1]) and Elizabeth (Ebert) Merkle, b. September 28, 1796; d. July 22, 1871. Both buried in the Lutheran cemetery, Orwigsburg. Their children were:

Eliza, b. June 11, 1815; wf. of Daniel Jones; d. February 14, 1895.

Daniel Luther, b. December 14, 1817; wf., Catharine Gass; d. March 30, 1892.

Catharine, b. April, 1823; wf. of Jacob Bock; d. December 19, 1869.

William Merkle, b. January 22; bap. May 1st, 1824, at Red church. Sponsors, Wm. Grieff and wf. Catharine; wf. Sarah L. Schwalm.

Sarah, b. February 15, 1826; d. May 18, 1901; m. Perry Eaton.

Matilda Merkle, b. May 1, 1830; d. September 3, 1886; wf. of Samuel B. Graeff.

Magdelena, b. September 11, 1833; d., single, November 19, 1906.

George M., b. July 2, 1836; d. January 1, 1839.

Henry, b. 1838; d. in Philadelphia, 1896; wf., Caroline Hammer, d. Children: George, Howell, Henry, d.; his son Harry is a letter carrier in Spring City, Philadelphia; Melissa.

Susanna, b. 1840, d. in Philadelphia. Husband, Jacob Buehler, d. Children: four sons. Jacob Buehler was a soldier in the Civil War, a member of the 96th regiment, Schuylkill County Volunteers.

Eliza Zerbe, wf. of Daniel Jones, m. 1838. His father, Charles Jones, came over the Blue Mountain from Berks County and settled in Brunswick Township (Berks Co.) prior to 1800. He was a farmer and shoemaker. Daniel and Reuben Jones were bap. at the Red Church; Daniel, b. March 3, 1816, d. August 13, 1886. (Reuben was the father of Reuben Jones, clerk in the Miners' National Bank, Pottsville, since 1878.) Daniel Jones was a shoemaker by trade and after his marriage lived in the vicinity of Landingville. He removed to Bucyrus, Ohio, in the late 'forties and thence to Washington, Tazewell County, Ill., 1855, where he purchased a farm, living on it eight years, and then removed into the town and engaged in the shoe business, in which he became prosperous. The children of Eliza Zerbe and Daniel Jones were:

George Jones, b. November 11, 1839; d. December 23, 1856.

Katharine, b. January 4, 1840; m. Ezra Lee, Florida fruit grower, since 1876. A daughter, wf. of Dr. Nelson W. Francis, managing physician of St. Catharine's Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla.

Charles, b. March 4, 1841; d. June 10, 1863.

Sarah, b. September 30, 1842; m. December 6, 1866, George Zinser, cashier Peoria, Ill., bank; c., Hattie Wookey, b. September 28, 1867, m. October 28, 1891; Maude, b. November 30, 1870; d. August 16, 1872.

Emma, b. June 16, 1844; m. Wm. LeConte; c., Danforth and Gilman, Iroquois County, Ill., farmer.

William, carpenter and contractor, Washington, Ill.; b. December 10, 1849; m. Emma Snyder, December 18, 1873; c. Charles E., b. April 24, 1876, m. December 5, 1898; Harry Lee, b. May 10, 1880, m. February 12, 1912; Herbert E., b. January 1, 1886, m. October 21, 1909; Mabel L., b. August 9, 1888.

Mary E., b. April 4, 1851, single, lives with her sister in Florida.

Matilda, b. June 16, 1853, m. —— Kyer, December 27, 1876; d. January 1, 1882; c.: Jesse, b. September 19, 1878, m. May 10, 1902; Robert, b. February 29, 1880.

Daniel Luther Zerbe—His wife, Catharine Gass (Gars), was born in Northumberland County, where the Gars emigrated from Berks. Mother, Mary, da. of Mathias Kershner, b. June, 1785; d. September 29, 1873 (buried in Odd Fellows' cemetery, Pottsville, Pa.); Henry Gars, son-in-law of Jacob Phillips, is buried in Alsace church cemetery, near

Reading. He had four children, one of whom was Henry. John living at Adamsdale, Schuylkill County; wf., —— Strauss, from Schuylkill Haven. Daniel Zerbe lived in Pottsville from 1842 until his death; he was a carpenter and builder. The children of Daniel and Catharine Zerbe were:

Martha J. Zerbe, b. May, 1847; d. May 24, 1899; m. Aaron W. Keefer, d., of Pottsville, Jan. 21, 1870, who was twice married; their children were: Clara E., wf. of Wm. B. Bergman, of Ashland; 1 c., d.; Ellen J., d. wife of Thomas Hadesty, m. August 8, 1900; 1 c.; d. 1914; Millie, teacher in the public schools; Florence A., and Arabella L., wf. of Mordecai Brobst, Pottsville.

Mary A. Zerbe, b. 1849, single.

Anna L. Zerbe, b. 1851, d. October 30, 1901; teacher in the public schools.

Lillie Zerbe, b. 1853, taught in public school, Port Clinton.

Emma E. Zerbe, b. 1854, d. September 26, 1901; teacher in public schools.

Wm. Luther Zerbe, b. 1856, d. 1913; single; mechanician, in charge of the telephone switchboard at the Reading Co. shops at the time of his death.

Catharine Zerbe, m. Jacob Bock, son of William Bock, born at Hamburg, 1790, and grandson of Balthaser Bock, b. in the Province of Hessen, Germany, 1747. He came to America, 1755, settling in Berks County (History in Part 1.) Jacob Bock, b. August 13, 1822, d. July 11, 1885. He was a member of the Evangelical church, a soldier in the Civil War and lived near New Ringgold. The children of Jacob and Catharine Bock were:

Mary, d., wf. of William Nester one c.

Charles, b. 1846; m., lives in Portland, Ore., family Catholic. Has several children, da. Susan. Builder and contractor and prosperous.

Franklin, d. March 4, 1870, aged three years.

Susan, wf. of Rev. George A. Knerr, Lutheran minister, Ambler, Pa.

Sallie, single, lives in Philadelphia.

The Bock family home at New Ringgold was one of the historical buildings of Schuylkill County. It was a roomy log house built by Bernard Kepner, 1769, and was a road house on the King's Highway from Philadelphia to Sunbury. He also donated the ground upon which Frieden's church now stands, the log church being built several years later.

Kepner was 89 years old when he died. His son-in-law, John Adam Will, lived in the old house for many years. They were succeeded by William Knittle and afterward by William Leibich. Jacob Bock bought the place but followed other occupations, mainly sub-contracting for the Little Schuylkill Railway. Tenants occupied the house until in the '90's, when it was razed and the rocky and stony ground dynamited and Tilghman Rex, the purchaser, erected a handsome, modern residence on the site.

(Note—B. Morgan Will, of New Ringgold, eighty-six years old, 1914, and six years of age when his grandfather, Bernard Kepner, died, contributed the above information.)

(Note—The old log school house, known as Frieden's church, was built 1771. In 1796 it was decided not to enlarge the school house, but build a second church aside of it. This church was dedicated March 19, 1798. It was enlarged or rebuilt 1828 and dedicated October of the same year. Cornerstone of the third church, one of the most picturesque in the county, was laid May 30, 1875. The first baptismal record: 1779. Third child of Andrew Young and wf. Magdelena. Bap. record in old catechism in church archives. 1801, April 6, bap. Johannes, son of Solomon Whetstone, Jan. 3, 1808, Jacob Whetstone a sponsor, Henry Merkle a sponsor, 1804. July 14, 1804, Phillip Schwartz, Rev. soldier, bap. a son, Jacob. (Revolutionary Record.)

Sarah Zerbe, m. Oliver Perry Eaton, 1848, who was b. in Carroll Co., New Hampshire, October 16, 1826; d. in Washington, Illinois, February 27, 1866. His parents removed from New Hampshire to Boston, Massachusetts, and later settled in Shamokin, Northumberland County, Pa. After his marriage Perry removed to Lowell, Massachusetts, subsequently returning to Shamokin, 1850. Perry Eaton was a jeweler. He was a soldier in the three years' service of the Civil War. The couple were married in Pottsville, Pa. Four children died in youth.

The children of Perry and Sarah Eaton were:

Clara, b. in Lowell, Mass., February 22, 1849; m. Isaac Graves, 1878, whereabouts unknown.

Albion Fillmore Eaton, b. September 7, 1850, in Shamokin, Pa.; wf., Jennie Jackson, b. December 26, 1855, Warsaw Ill.; m. December 26, 1877; lives at Decatur, Ill. Children, Della, b. May 25, 1881, m. C. A. Imboden, of Decatur, Ill., July 20, 1910; Bertha E., b. May 7, 1888, m., Green Bay, Wis., one son, d.

George Ebenezer, b. January, 1853, New York; wf., Alice, whereabouts unknown. One da., m., lives in Peoria.

William Sumner Eaton, b. July, 1857, Ashland, Pa.; wf., Margaret Fitzpatrick; m. 1897; lived in Hamilton, Ill.; removed to Decatur, Ill.; wf. Margaret d. June 15, 1913. He was a railway engineer but is now retired. Children: Della, b. May 26, 1898, Peoria, Ill.; m.; Bertha, Ethel and Helen.

(Note—Perry Eaton and Ellen and Ephraim Phillips, the latter later of New Castle and subsequently of Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., were among the pupils of the first public school organized, 1835, in Northumberland County.—Old History of Northumberland County.)

Matilda Merkle Zerbe, m. Samuel B. Graeff, March 6, 1852 (White Church records, Orwigsburg, Pa.) Samuel Beard Graeff, son of Daniel Graeff and Arasmy Beard, b. July 15, 1828, in Maiden Creek Township, Berks County, Pa.; died in Tamaqua, March 25, 1887. The family removed, 1841, to Schuylkill Haven, where the father kept a leading hotel, subsequently removing to Tamaqua, where his wife's brother, Michael Beard, conducted the Mansion House, ran stage lines and owned considerable property.

(Note—Harman B. Graeff, d., of Tamaqua, attorney at law, was a brother of Samuel.)

(Note—The Beards lived near Temple, Berks County, some of the family reside in Reading. They were prominent people and of Revolutionary stock.)

Samuel Graeff learned the trade of machinist and worked in Pottsville at the old George W. Snyder machine shops, now the Reading Company's. His name occurs, 1847, on the roster of the American Hose Fire Company, as having been one of the charter members. He removed to Tamaqua after his marriage, where he worked at his trade, and served

in the Civil War as Captain of Co. D, 173d Regt. Penna. Vol. The children of Samuel and Matilda Graeff were:

Ann Beard Graeff, b. December 13, 1853; d. June 20, 1880; m. February 27, 1872, Edmund Lloyd; c. of Edmund and Ann Lloyd: Matilda Zerbey and Edmund C.

Matilda Zerbey Graeff, b. January 15, 1855; m. Lewis Beck, May 23, 1878, who d. June 18, 1880. leaving one son. Berthold Graeff Beck. He graduated from Lehigh University, 1900, and married Georgie J. Emery, May 20, 1904. Issue, one son, John Emery Beck, b. January 23, 1906. She married John M. Herbig, April 10, 1889. Both he and her son are employed with good positions in the mechanical department and office of the Bethlehem Iron Works, Bethlehem, Pa.

Emmeline Graeff, b. August 31, 1856; d. January 19, 1860; raised by her grandmother, wf. of George Zerbe, West Brunswick Township, near Orwigsburg, where she died of scarlet fever and is buried in the Lutheran cemetery, Orwigsburg.

George Zerbey Graeff, b. February 10, 1858; m. Melinda Moss, December 20, 1885; railroader, lives at Hazleton, Pa.; children: Samuel B., Sallie, Harriet, Laurine.

REV. FRANK ELLSWORTH GRAEFF, D. D.

Frank Ellsworth Graeff, b. December 19, 1860, m. Mary Lourene Mauger, da. of Rev. Henry Benner and Harriet Isabel Mauger, March 1, 1894. He was admitted into the Philadelphia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, 1890, and received honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity, from Claflin University, 1911. He served the following appointments: Bangor circuit, Somerton, Wesley, Bethany, Emmanuel, Summerfield, all of Philadelphia, and is now at Royersford after serving two years at Haws Avenue, Norristown, Pa. Dr. F. E. Graeff is a prolific writer of Gospel hymns, of which more than two hundred have been published. One, "Does Jesus Care?" has been translated into a number of languages and is sung all over the world. He has also written many short stories for children and is a contributor to leading magazines. His book, "The Minister's Twins," is very popular.

Sallie Beard Graeff, b. June 16, 1863, d. March 4, 1882.

Arasmus Beard Graeff, b. August 29, 1867; d. February 14, 1901; m. Abram T. Oliver, of Tamaqua, December 12, 1888. Their c. were: Frank Graeff and Robert A. Oliver.

WILLIAM MERKLE ZERBEY

William[5] Merkle Zerbey, (George[4], John[3] George, George[2] Peter, Martin[1]), was born in the Panther Valley (Bender Thal), Schuylkill County, January 22, 1824; d. May 30, 1891. The family removed to a farm, in West Brunswick Township, one and a quarter miles below Orwigsburg, when he was about ten years of age. His father was a Lutheran and his mother Reformed, and according to the strict division of the two sects, in the early times, the boys of the family were confirmed in the Lutheran and the girls in the Reformed church, the old White church of Orwigsburg,[1] then having alternate worship of both congregations. He attended a private school for three months in the winter, learning the English vocabulary and to write German script. at night, from one Prof. Getler[2], an armless cripple, who kept a writing school and used the ferule freely with his feet upon the fingers of the unfortunate pupils while they attempted to form the letters. He learned to read English in the early Episcopal Sunday school, held for a few years in Orwigsburg; his limited school experience being mostly confined to arithmetic and the "Rule of Three," the farmers being very exacting that their children should learn to count in order to transact business. He was, however, a well informed, self educated man, practical and thorough in all his business transactions and a close reader of the leading events of the day. At an early age he was employed by Benjamin Pott, brother of John and Abraham Pott, who kept the old Half-Way House (Lessig's), between Schuylkill Haven and Orwigsburg, where Mr. Pott housed and boarded a large force

(Note 1—St. John's Lutheran and Reformed Church, of Orwigsburg, known as the "White Church," was erected 1831.)

(Note 2—In 1872 when Barnum's circus visited Pottsville, Prof. Getler accompanied it. He wore a purple gold braided velvet waistcoat with wide white lawn ruffles at the neck and ankle, and sat upon a table where he gave exhibitions of his skill in writing with his feet. Some of his old Pottsville pupils called upon him but he gave them scant recognition.)

of men who were engaged in felling timber for the Reading Railway, then being constructed, and others who worked on the Schuylkill Canal.

A kick from a fractious young colt that he was attempting to train and which left him lying unconscious for several hours and left a wide swath of white hair in his boyish black locks, made him conclude that farm life was not to his taste and he engaged in boating on the Schuylkill canal, subsequently learning the carpenter trade, in Orwigsburg, coming to Pottsville in 1842. Here he engaged in the building and contracting business and could relate many interesting reminiscences of early days of coal mining when he, with the Lords, DeFrehns and other early builders erected the company houses for the early coal operators, at Tuscarora, Kaska William, Wadesville and Flowery Fields, and who also were engaged on some of the leading buildings in Pottsville.

Mr. Zerbey engaged in the manufacture of Venetian blinds, then a paying business, 1852, opening a house-furnishing, window blind, carpet and stationery store on Market, between Second and Centre streets, removing to 203 N. Centre street, which property he purchased and remodeled, 1868-'71, the family residing there continuously for forty-six years and the business being carried on for sixty-two years. W. M. Zerbey died May 30, 1891. He was confirmed in the Lutheran church, but after his marriage united with the Evangelical church in which he was prominent as a trustee, assisting largely with his means to build the handsome church on West Arch Street. After the split in that body, he united with his family with the First Methodist Episcopal church, of Pottsville, where he also served in an official capacity and was actively interested in the spiritual and financial welfare of the church. He was first a Democrat in politics, but in 1856 voted for Stephen A. Douglas, and in the stirring days of 1860 was an ardent supporter of Abraham Lincoln and there-

after voted the Republican ticket. He did not desire office of any kind, but was frequently approached to allow the use of his name in the local government of the town. During the Civil War he was the main support of a large family whose head was in the three years' service and who was killed, as Mr. Zerbey frequently said, "while fighting for me at the front." He was one of a committee appointed to create a Patriotic Fund and distribute it to families whose supporters were at the front, he having in charge the care of the families in the Middle Ward, Pottsville. He was a liberal giver to the church and to any cause he espoused.

William M. Zerbey m. Sarah L. Schwalm, da. of Andrew and Hannah Miller Schwalm (Schwalm history), December 21, 1847, at Orwigsburg. Sarah Schwalm, b. September 3, 1830, d. August 11, 1914. Their children were: William, d.; John Franklin, Heber Swalm, Joseph Henry, Robert Anderson, Frederic E., Ella A., wf. of C. D. Elliott, d.; Adelia E., twice married; Sara Frances, wf. of Walter B. Hill.

John F. Zerbey, clerk and subsequently cashier of the Government National Bank, of Pottsville; clerk to the Schuylkill County Commissioners, and for nine years U. S. National Bank Examiner, now retired and living in Yorkville, a section of Pottsville, married Laura E. Esterly, July 23, 1883, da. of Daniel Esterly, deceased, of Pottsville, and a direct descendant of Jacob Esterly, who qualified at Philadelphia September 20, 1738, from the ship Nancy, and of Daniel Esterly, his son (Rev. War record). They have one son, John F. Zerbey, Jr., b. June 3, 1884, m. Florence, da. of Benjamin J. Smith, County Commissioner of Schuylkill; children, Florence M. and Margaret. John F. Zerbey, Jr., electrician, in business Fourth and Arch Streets, Pottsville.

(Note—Jacob Easterly, 22, qualified at Philadelphia, September 20, 1733. He was a taxpayer in Berks County, 1754, died 1758; wf. Elizabeth. Died intestate. Daniel[2], the youngest of three children under 21. Married Susanna Heckler. Both buried one mile west of Oley Township line, in private burying ground. Revolutionary War Record, Part 1.

Daniel[3], eldest son of Daniel[2], Sheriff of Berks County, 1841-'44. George son of Daniel[2], was the father of Daniel Esterly, of Pottsville. Daniel[2] Esterly, b. August 27, 1758, d. September 27, 1822.)

Heber Swalm Zerbey, wf. Hannah, da. of Samuel and Elizabeth Mortimer, the former for many years borough treasurer of Pottsville, (see Mortimer), married April 28, 1887. They had one daughter, Elizabeth, b. August 19, 1888, d. February 26, 1895. Heber Zerbey was by profession a school teacher, in which occupation he was successfully engaged in Pottsville, when he retired to carry on the business of his father, W. M. Zerbey, at 203 N. Centre St., Pottsville, and to which he succeeded on the death of his parents.

FOUNDER OF THE POTTSVILLE DAILY REPUBLICAN

Joseph Henry Zerbey, editor and proprietor of the "Pottsville Daily Republican," established October 28, 1884, (and owner of the Weekly "Schuylkill Republican" from 1879), has in the "Pottsville Republican" plant, one of the most progressive, successful bindery, newspaper and job printing houses in Eastern Pennsylvania, and is one of the foremost and most enterprising citizens of his section of the State. He learned the art preservative in all its branches very thoroughly, and this early rudimentary insight into the fundamental rules of printing enabled him to take advantage of every improvement in the business as it advanced in newer inventions, all of which he has installed in his plant, and to which early knowledge he ascribes the keynote of his ultimate success.

J. H. Zerbey married Cora E. Sigfried, June 16, 1880, daughter of General Joshua K. Sigfried, Colonel of the 48th Regt., Penna. Vols., and Brigadier General at the fall of Petersburg, in the Civil War, and Major General in the National Guard of Pennsylvania for many years. Jonas Sigfried, father of Joshua K., was a son of Jonathan[3] Sigfried, (Jacob[2], Joseph[1]) born October 28, 1790, in Maxatawny Township, Berks Coun-

ty, d. June, 1853, near Rebersburg, Schuylkill County, and is buried at the Bethel Church. He owned a farm and kept a hotel across the Blue Mountains from Rebersburg. He married Barbara Fiegol, and their children, of whom they had fifteen, and their descendants are settled in Harrisburg, Annville and throughout lower Schuylkill County.

(Note—Jacob Sigfried.—Revolutionary War Record, Part 1.)

The children of J. H. Zerbey and wf. Cora E. are: Ida Frances, wf. of Robert Braun, owner of the Braun School of Music, and a Piano Virtuoso; Edith, b. June 28, 1884, d. August 8, 1886; Joseph Henry, Jr.; Mildred and Cora Elizabeth, the latter being Pottsville High School pupils.

J. H. Zerbey is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a Republican in politics. The family home is located corner of Howard Avenue and Fifteenth Street, Pottsville. He is for years president of the Pottsville Board of Trade, also president of the Schuylkill County Centennial Ass'n., president of the Pottsville Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and member of the Penna. Society of New York, the Manufacturers' and Pen and Pencil Clubs, of Phila., the Pottsville Motor, the Outdoor, and the Pottsville Clubs; president of the State Editorial Association, and the acting president of the Penna. Associated Dailies, and member of the Penna. German Society. He was one of the leading contributors and building committee of the magnificent Pottsville Methodist Church edifice at Market and Fourth Streets. He is president of the Penn Land Co., a very extensive operation to secure homes for the people; also director in the Greater Pottsville B. & L. Association. He has been prominently identified with the movements that have done so much to improve Pottsville and enlarge the business of the community. He especially labored zealously for the city form of government. He has a very wide acquaintanceship with

prominent men of the nation, and has traveled extensively to learn how others live and do, so as to apply new ideas to his home locality.

The "Republican" building on Mahantongo St., erected in 1895, was the first modern iron, brick, stone, cement, fireproof business structure in Pottsville. The equipment of the "Republican's" plant is very unusually extensive and uptodate for an inland city, and is equal to some prominent offices in large cities. The plant has dual motor power, steam and electric; the newspapers are printed on a three deck stereotyping press, and this was one of the first offices in the world to use linotypes.

Mr. Zerbey was the originator of the present extensive electric railway system in and around Pottsville. It was the sixth electric line to be started in the U. S., and Mrs. Frances Zerbey Braun, in 1890, pulled the switch that put the current into the operation of the first electric street car in Pottsville.

Mrs. Braun was the first woman to be admitted to the Schuylkill County Bar and to practise before the Supreme Court. She is also a talented violinist, and concertmeister of the Gerhard Symphony Orchestra.

Joseph Henry Zerbey, Jr., assistant to his father in the "Daily Republican" office, and associate editor of that newspaper, wf. Catharine, daughter of John and Catharine Bannan. He is a graduate of Lafayette College, and is connected with the leading public and social movements. Also during the threatening European war days of 1915, he became associated with the First Officers Training Regiment of the United States Army, inaugurated by the War Department at Plattsburgh, N. Y., as the foundation of the U. S. A. Citizen Soldier Reserves. He is also a member of the executive committee of the National Editorial Association, a Rotarian and "Big Brother" to hundreds of boys and girls whose condition in life he is trying to improve.

Robert Anderson Zerbey, b. September 20, 1860, d. December 9, 1893, married April 29, 1886; wf., Annie L. Kaercher, da. of Henry Kaercher; children: William Henry and Margaret Adelia, Schenectady, N. Y. Robert A. Zerbey learned the printing trade in all its branches in the "Republican" office. He was employed in the freight department of the Reading Railway Company, at Philadelphia, for several years, and also in a large wholesale carpet establishment. Returning to Pottsville he assumed the duties of business manager of the "Daily Republican," which position he held at the time of his death, which occurred in the prime of manhood under particularly distressing circumstances, the disease being typhoid, cerebro spinal meningitis.

William Henry Zerbey (Robert) employed in Schenectady, N. Y., in the General Electric Company power plant in that city as Cost Accountant in the main office; Margaret resides in Schenectady with her mother.

Frederic Edgar Zerbey began his career early on the surveying corps of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company at Lost Creek, under Col. D. P. Brown. He was promoted to the district superintendency of the company's collieries at Hazleton and subsequently to the district superintendency of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company's collieries at Wilkes-Barre. He is at present the efficient manager and superintendent of the Kingston Coal Company, with offices at Wilkes-Barre. He married Bertha, da. of Conrad Seltzer, of Pottsville, July 30, 1883. Their children are: Dorothy, Frederic Edgar, d., and Arthur, a student at Yale College. Their home is at the corner of Union and River Streets, Wilkes-Barre. Fred. E. Zerbey is a member of the Episcopal Church, a mason and a Republican in politics.

Conrad Seltzer was b. September 17, 1818, in Marburg, Kurhessen, Germany. He came to America and located at Pottsville, Penna., 1835. He married Dorothea E. Roehrig, December 10, 1839. They had ten children living. They first settled in Fishbach, then removed to Minersville

and thence to Bull's Head, and finally built the handsome home on North Centre Street, Pottsville, fronting the Seltzer Packing House, founded by Conrad Seltzer and now carried on by his sons, Albert and William Seltzer.

FOUNDER OF THE WEEKLY SCHUYLKILL REPUBLICAN

Ella A. Zerbey, m. Charles Doty Elliott, of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, January 20, 1870; born November 25, 1842, d. July 19, 1899, and the son of Hon. George W. and Julianna Crofoot Elliott. G. W. Elliott, born in Lewis County, New York, February 13, 1804, d. June 30, 1898. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Wisconsin, locating at Detroit, Michigan, 1834, and at Green Bay, Wisconsin, when they were but trading posts and military stations. He was a surveyor and located thousands of acres of land in those territories for eastern settlers and capitalists, and was private secretary to territorial Governor of Wisconsin, James D. Doty. The family lived in Taycheedah, near Fond du Lac, in the first frame house in Wisconsin, brought in parts, by packet boat, over the Great Lakes, from New York, for Governor Doty. The children of the two families, who resided in this house together, for several years were educated, in part, by a private tutor brought from New York for the purpose. Mr. Elliott located, with Governor Doty, the lands for the capitol at Madison, the grounds for the penitentiary at Waupun; he filled many offices of trust in that state and was a member of the Legislature, 1861-4.

Losing his mother at an early age, C. D. Elliott became a member of the family of Hon. Sam. W. Ryan, Appleton, Wis., (Editor of the "Appleton Crescent" and subsequently U. S. Minister to New Brunswick), and here learned the art of printing. When sixteen, with two other apprentices of the "Crescent" office, he went to Calumet County, where they published a small weekly newspaper, the official printing of that county being guaranteed them. When the war broke

out they closed their office and were among the first to arrive in Madison and enlist in the Civil War. C. D. Elliott was a member of Co. E, 6th Wisconsin Regiment, and participated in 67 engagements with the enemy, and in the vigorous warfare engaged in by the famous Iron Brigade, under General Edward Bragg, the first captain of Co. E, (afterward Minister to Mexico and who placed Grover Cleveland in nomination for the Presidency, the first time, at Chicago, when Bragg was U. S. Senator, in the words since made famous, "I love Cleveland for the enemies he has made.") He was wounded twice and was sent to Washington with a severe attack of typhoid fever brought on by lying in the trenches (in mud and water) when wounded. He was made Color Sergeant of Co. E, but was remanded to Co. A, 14th Regt. V. R. C., in which he served the remainder of his time, in the redoubts at Washington, D. C., and in enforcing the draft in Pennsylvania. He served three years and three months and of his family was one of four sons, two of whom lost their lives in the service; and three brothers-in-law, all of the family, except the aged father, being engaged in the war for the Union.

At the close of the war, C. D. Elliott settled in Reading, Pa., where he with three other practical printers, established the Reading "Daily Record" under the firm name of Mast, Schultz, Buckwalter and Elliott. The "Record" was short-lived and was succeeded by the "Evening Dispatch," published by Buckwalter, Elliott and Schultz. James D. Laciar, subsequently of the Wilkes-Barre "Record" and later postmaster of that city, was for a time included in the firm. The "Dispatch" ran for about two and a half years when it was merged with the "Times" and he retired. Mr. Elliott came to Pottsville, Pa., 1870, where he acted as city editor of the Daily "Miners' Journal," Bannan and Ramsey, proprietors. December 14, 1872, he founded the "Schuylkill Weekly Republican," at Minersville, taking in as a working partner, John O. Beck,

the latter retiring after two years. Mr. Elliott assumed the work of the growing plant until 1879, when he sold the business to his brother-in-law, Joseph Henry Zerbey, who was already engaged in the office and identified with the "Republican." Mr. Elliott purchased a half interest in the "Fond du Lac Commonwealth," established 1832, and removed to that city, Wisconsin, where he remained three years, returning to Pottsville, 1882. Later, with Burd Patterson and others he started "The Independent Republican," a weekly that had a brief career. October 28, 1884, J. H. Zerbey originated and started the "Pottsville Daily Republican," and about a year thereafter C. D. Elliott was engaged as associate editor with editor J. H. Zerbey in the latter's new enterprise. After his death, 1899, his wife, Ella Zerbey Elliott, the author of this work, occupied the position of assistant to the editor and proprietor of the "Republican" for six years, when she retired. Mrs. Elliott has done acceptable work as correspondent to a leading metropolitan newspaper in which her articles on the mining of coal and the industries connected with it, received favorable notice and comment from the leading authorities on the subject. Her short stories and other articles, too, find a ready acceptance with the syndicates and other mediums of light and practical literature. Her book, "Old Schuylkill Tales," had a larger sale than any other local book published in Schuylkill County and she is frequently being urged to revise the same and bring out another edition.

THE ELLIOTT LINE OF DESCENT

1540—1899

Henry Elliott, b.——; d.——; m. Alice——; b.——; d.——; buried December 15, 1590; c., Henry, William; residence, East Coker, Somersetshire, England.

William Elliott, b.——; bap. June 23, 1527; d. March 29, 1642; m.——; b.——; d.——; c., Margaret, John, William, Henry; residence, East Coker, England.

William Elliott, b.——; bap. February, 1603; d.——; m. Emma——; b.——; d.——; c., Edith, Judith, Marie, Andrew, John, Grace (1), Grace (2). Residence, East Coker, England.

Andrew Elliott, b. ——; bap. April 24, 1627; d. (will) 1704; m. Grace Woodier, (2) Mary——; b.——; (2) b.——; d. February 9, 1652, (2) d. (will) 1720; c., (1) Andrew, Emma, (2) Mary, William; residence, East Coker, England; Salem, Beverly, Massachusetts. (Was one of the twelve jurymen who heard the witchcraft trials at Salem, 1692.)

William Elliott, b.——; bap. 1655; d. (will) January, 1721-2; m. Mary Parker, widow, nee Browne; b. April 15, 1657; d. ——; c., Andrew (1), Andrew (2), William, John, Judith, Mary, Emma, Elizabeth; residence, Beverly, Massachusetts.

John Elliott, b. September 10, 1693; d. April 8, 1751; m. April 20, 1715, Elizabeth Balch, b. 1696; d. May 1, 1718; m. April 20, 1720, Hannah Waldron, b.——; d.——; c. (1) Skipper, John; (2) Nathaniel, William, Francis, Elizabeth, Abigail, Hannah; residence, Beverly, Mass.

Nathaniel Elliot, b. March 26, 1721; d.——; m. Abigail Edwards, b.——; d.——; (2) Elizabeth ——; b.——; d.——; c., Nathaniel, John, Francis. residence, Beverly, Mass.; Woodstock, Conn.; Northampton, Chester, Mass. (Served in French-Indian Colonial Wars.)

John Elliott, b.——; d. between 1832 and 1841; m. Rebecca Parker; b.——; d. after 1841; c., Chester, David, George Washington, Zylphia and perhaps others; residence, Chester, Easthampton, Mass., Bowman's Creek, N. Y., Cayuga County, Ohio, and perhaps other places. (John Elliott served in the Revolutionary War from Massachusetts; was a pensioner as was his wife after his death.)

Chester Elliott, b. about 1776; d. after 1832; m. July 6, 1797, Betsey Benjamin, da. of Jesse Benjamin, who served in the Revolutionary War; b. March 31, 1784; d. November, 1848; c., Susan, Joseph, George Washington, Pamelia, Electa, Jesse, Elizabeth, Marietta, Jane, Thomas; residence, Easthampton, Mass., Martinsburg, N. Y. (Served in Capt. Adam Conkey's Company, 101st N. Y., War of 1812-15.)

George Washington Elliott, b. February 13, 1804; d. July 1, 1897; m. October 11, 1832, Juliana Crofoot, b. April 8, 1810, d. June 26, 1850; (2) Lottie M. Torrey; (1) Mary Elizabeth, David, Frances E., Charles Doty, Parke Benjamin, Irving Washington, Ella Louise, (2) Caroline.

Adelia E. Zerbey, first husband, Frank A. Harper, b. at Bear Gap, Dauphin County, September 12, 1849; d. January 12, 1890. He was the eldest son of John C. Harper and wf. Margaret, an individual coal operator and superintendent of mines, of Ashland, Pa., and who later was identified with his son, the above, with the Wm. Milnes coal operations, as clerk and timekeeper. Frank Harper was timekeeper at the Reading Co. Coal and Iron shops at the time of his death, to which position he was succeeded by Edward L. Keane, of Garfield Square. The children of Frank and Adelia Harper, who

were married May 8, 1884, were: an infant, deceased, and Sara Adelia Harper, who resides with her mother at Reading. Adelia E. Harper m. Horace Silliman Kirk, July 30, 1896. He was the son of Wister A. and Lydia A. Kirk. His father was a coach builder with a shop where the Penna. R. R. depot, Pottsville, now stands. They live in Reading, Pa.

Sara Frances Zerbey, married Walter B. Hill, of New York, December 11, 1903. Their children are: George Sampson, Emma Louise and Walter B., Jr. Mr. Hill, piano expert, is engaged in the musical instrument business at 205 N. Centre Street, (Zerbey building), where the family reside. Mr. Hill enjoyed the advantages of a good musical education under the best instructors in New York City, and having exceptional talent was intended for the musical profession. He preferred the musical business, however, which line he is successfully following. He served several years in the manufacture of instruments to perfect himself in their construction which knowledge is invaluable to him in his business.

RIETHS OR REEDS

Leonard[1] Rieth, of the Tulpehocken, was one of three brothers, original settlers from the Schoharie, N. Y. He was the man about whom the "Tulpehocken Confusion," at Zion's or Rieth's church (Stouchsburg, Berks County), centered. (Map of Pioneer Homesteads, Part I. Transactions of the Moravians.)

Leonard Rieth, b. 1691, d. 1747, wf. Anna Eliza Caterina; c., Johan Nicholas, b. 1716, d 1788; Johan George, b. 1717, d. 1791; Johannes Friderich, b. 1718, d. 1794; Leonard, b. 1723, d. 1803; Peter, ——, Maria Margaretha. Peter Rieth had a son, Leonard, b. 1772, who was confirmed at Zion's Lutheran church, 1788. Hermanus Zerbe married Maria Rieth, 1799. Anna Maria, da. of Samuel and Christina Rieth,

bap. October 9, 1782. Sponsors, Michael Rieth and Anna Maria Schwarzen. Samuel, son of Caspar Rieth. Solomon, son of Jacob Rieth. (Zion's church records.)

Leonard[1] Rieth died from injuries received in his mill, on the Tulpehocken creek, next to the site of the old church, where he was caught in the cog wheel. His death was attributed, by his enemies, to a direct visitation of Providence. He, however, had forsaken the Moravians before his death and was buried from Zion's Lutheran church (Stouchsburg) and interred in that cemetery. It is related of his wife, that, when the church was locked, she crept in from an opening in the rear and opened a window admitting the opposing faction and that when the matter was to be arbitrated, she stood up in the church and bitterly denounced its opponents (the Orthodox Lutherans), when the so-called "Tulpehocken Confusion" ensued. (Part I, Tulpehocken Confusion.)

Johan[2] George Rieth, (Leonard[1]), b. 1717, d. 1791; son, Leonard[3], b. in the Tulpehocken, April 10, 1739; d. in Pinegrove Township, Berks County, August 26, 1805. Rev. John Caspar Stoever's Records give the baptisms of three children, of George Riedt, of "Summer Mountain," Berks County. It is probable that George Rieth came from the Tulpehocken about 1748 and that he already had several children before he came to Pinegrove Township. He is not mentioned on the tax lists and may have only been a sojourner and the title to the Rieth tract may have been vested in his sons, Leonard and Johannes. The baptisms were: August 20, 1749, Eva Margaretha, da. of George Riedt; November 20, 1751, Christina Barbara and on September 22, 1754, John Jacob, (Stoever's records). Johannes, b. October 15, 1755, d. December 26, 1827, (Jacob's church records). There was also a church called the "Summer Mountain," south of the Blue Mountains, Berks County. These were

the children of Johan[2] George Rieth (Leonard[1]), born in the Schoharie Valley, New York, and reared in the Tulpehocken.

Leonard[3] Rieth, married Anna Maria Zerbe, (George[2] Peter, Martin[1]), b. April 25, 1748; d. May 24, 1827. They were married at Reading, December 20, 1768, (Trinity Lutheran church records.)

After Leonard Rieth's marriage to Anna Maria Zerbe, 1768, he took up a tract of land in Pinegrove Township, Berks County, where his brother, Johannes also settled. This land is located around and on the present site of Reedsville, Wayne Township, Schuylkill County, and on these two tracts, since divided and subdivided, live numerous Reeds, all descendants of John and Leonard Rieth, who have been in possession of these same fertile tracts for almost two hundred years and many of their scions have removed to the West. The village has a German Baptist (Dunkard's), and a flourishing Evangelical church, the latter being the denomination most of the Reeds are affiliated with. The early Rieths were Lutherans and their nearest church, St. Jacob's, two miles west of Pinegrove, near Exmoor and almost ten miles from their settlement. There were at that time but two churches north of the Blue Mountain: Zion's or Red church, and St. Jacob's. The latter and Frieden's church, on the "Little Schuylkill," between McKeansburg and New Ringgold, organized 1798, both, according to tradition, had small log buildings on the sites where the log churches were afterward built and the congregations organized.

St. Jacob's church was built of logs on a tract of 27 acres of land obtained from the State. Unfortunately, as with all of the churches with which Rev. Wm. Kurtz was connected who organized the church 1780, and the early pastors who followed, the records for the first nineteen years are missing. Andrew Schulze, of the Tulpehocken, was its pastor for two years. He was afterward Governor of Penna. This church is known as the White Church.

John and Leonard Rieth are among the first sixty-two taxables returned, from Pinegrove Township, Berks County, and they were among its first members.

The first communion, recorded 1799, gives Leonard Rieth and wife, Johannes Rieth, Catharine Rieth and Elizabeth Rieth as communicants.

The children of Leonard Rieth and wf. Anna Maria Zerbe, were:

Eva, b. August 7, 1771. Conrad Muench (Minnich) and wife, Elizabeth Zerbe, sponsors. John Heinrich, b. July 12, 1773, 7 weeks old, the parents sponsors; Maria Eva, b. September 30, 1775 (the first child of this name probably died and another was given the same name.) Red Church records (1½ miles below Orwigsburg); John or Jonas, b. 1777, wf. Elizabeth; Leonard, b. March, 1783, d. December 26, 1851, wf. Margaretha Brennern; Anna Maria, b. 1779, wf. of Daniel Zerbe; Catherina, b. 1781, wf. of Jacob Brennern. (Jacob's Church records.)

(Note—The grandparents usually stood sponsors for the first child in baptism. The custom being invariable the relationship of the parties is thus determined if there are no other means at hand. December 25, 1808, Anna Maria Rieth stood sponsor for Sophia, da. of Jonas and Elizabeth Ried, of which child she was the grandmother.—Jacob's Church records.)

Confirmed:—

October 9, 1803, Adam Ried, 17.
March, 1810, John George Ried.
March, 1810, Maria Rieden, born Henen, 18.
April 26, 1812, Saloma Ried, 16.
April 26, 1812, Catherina Ried, 14.
June 2, 1816, Maria Rieth.

Communicants:—June 2, 1816, John Rieth and wf. Elizabeth Rieth.

Baptisms:—

1799—August 18, Maria Catherina, da.; parents, Daniel and Anna Maria Zerbe; sponsors, Lenhard Ried and wf. Anna Maria.
1800—October 4, Solomon; parents, Jacob Brenner and wf. Catherina; sponsors, Leonhard Ried and wf. Anna Maria.
1802—Henrich, b. July 23; parents, Johannes Ried and wf. Catherine; sponsors, Henrich Stein and Christina Ried.
1803—Elizabeth, b. January 15, 1802; bap. May 19; parents, Peter Ried and wf. Susanna.
1803—September 4, Eva Margaretha; parents, Phillip Ried and wf. Catherina.
1804—January 22, Catherine; parents, Johannes Ried and wf. Catherina; sponsors, Johannes Ried and wf. Margaretha.
1805—September 27, Catherina; parents, Johan Rieth and wf. Catharine; sponsor, Anna Maria Riethen. (Leonhard Rieth, her husband, died August 26, 1805.)
1806—January 1, Johannes; parents, Johannes Ried and wf. Catherina.

1807—January 25, Johann; parents, Johann Jacob Brenner and wf. Catherina; sponsors, Leonard Ried and Margaretha Brenner.
March 27, Heinrich; parents, Jonas Ried and wf. Elizabeth.
March 27, Catherina; parents, Jonas Ried and wf. Elizabeth; (twins).
1808—April 17, Johan Peter; parents, Johan Ried and wf. Catherine.
September 4, Peter; parents, Johan Ried and wf. Elizabeth.
December 25, Sophia; parents, Jonas Ried and wf. Elizabeth; sponsor, Anna Maria Riethen.
1809—March 5, Johann; parents, Adam Ried and wf. Catharina; sponsors, Johan Ried and wf. Margaretha.
March 5, Salome; parents, Leonard Reed and wf. Margaretha; sponsors, Johann Brenner and wf.

(Burial Records not already given):—

Johannes Rieth, b. October 15, 1755; d. December 26. 1827.
Peter Rieth, b. October 10, 1788; d. January 2, 1848.

John Ried (Jonas) and Anna Maria, widow, were made the administrators of Leonard Rieth, September 1—October 9, 1805. The inventory was 213 lbs., 16 s., 9 d. (Register of Wills, Orphans' Court B., Berks County.)

Johannes[3] Rieth (Johan[2] George, Leonard[1]), b. October 15, 1755, was a brother of Leonard[3] Rieth. The spelling of the name Reed has no bearing on the issue. The German spelling Rieth has been changed by the different branches to Reed, Ried and Read, but they are all from the same vocabulary. The Reeds of Pinegrove Township, which now includes Wayne and Washington, are descended from Leonhard and Johannes Rieth, brothers, who came from the Tulpehocken and the part now included in Marion Township, where the original Rieths settled, 1723, coming from the Schoharie Valley, New York, to Berks County, then Chester, where they have an important and voluminous history among the early settlers.

LEONARD RIETH'S WAR RECORD

Among the list of officers from Berks County, in the Revolutionary War, occurs the name of Leonard Rieth (m. to Anna Maria Zerbe), Wagon Master January 8, 1778.—Penna. Archives, 2d Series, Vol. 3, p. 23. Part 1, Rieth's Record, in Revolutionary war.

John[5] Reed, (Jonas[4] or Johan, Leonard[3], George[2], Leonard[1]), m. Maria Fischer. Their children were:

John[3] m. Margaret Guth, da. of Attorney Good, of Harrisburg; William, m. Susanna Berkheiser; John, David, Daniel, Peter, d.; Maria, wf.—Marlin; Rachel, wf. of Henry Manbeck; Mrs. Kate Lesher, Mrs. Leah Merkle. These families went to Illinois, settling there. Peter and John remained.

John[3] Reed, m. Margaret Guth; c., Wesley, m. Ellen V. Berger; c.: Mary, Sophronia, Irvin D., John, Clinton, Carrie, Robert, 2 da., 1 son, dec.

William[4] Reed, (John[3], John[2] George, Leonard[1]), wf. Susanna Berkheiser; c., Ludwig, Solomon, Jonathan, Daniel, William, John.

Levi[6] Reed (Ludwig[5], m. Susanna Staehle), m. Jane Reber; c., Charles D.; Alice, m. Daniel Reber.

Irwin D. Reed, school teacher, Reedsville; m. Abbie Fidler; c., John, Clinton, Pottsville; Robert; Sallie Laubenstein, Panther Valley; Ida Weber, Reedsville.

Sophronia, wf. Monroe L. Miller (Wesley), Adamsdale; two da.

Peter[4] Reed (John[3], John[2] George. Leonard[1]); c., Henry, Elias, Emanuel, George, Peter, Rebecca, m. Wm. Krecker; Sarah, m. Franklin Berkheiser; Mrs. Reuben Berger, d., Frackville.

Solomon Reed sons, Jerome and Alexander.

Peter Rieth, b. October 10, 1788, d. January, 1848 (Jacob's Church records); buried in Jacob's cemetery. He had a son, Christian. Mrs. J. W. Hoover, of Bedford, Ind., is a granddaughter of Christian Reed. Peter Rieth lived in that vicinity, he married a daughter of Johannes Braun, who lived in Blue Mountain Hollow, and baptized many children in that church. Peter Rieth was no doubt a son of Peter Rieth and wf. Susanna, who baptized a da., Elizabeth, b. January 15, 1803. The first Peter was born about 1767. George Reed lives at Cressona.

Leonard Rieth and wf. Anna Maria Zerbe, and Johannes Reed and wf. Catharine, are buried in St. Jacob's cemetery. Their graves have not yet been identified, being doubtless some of the many unmarked, of sandstone or common field stone headstones. (Jacob's Church records.)

Squire Irwin D. Reed, school teacher, relates that deer and other game were very plentiful in that valley. He remembers well his father telling this story: When butchering time

came, John Reber, son of Daniel, came from the Summit to their farm to do the butchering; when he had the hogs killed Reber said to John Reed, his father, "now, John, it is time to go up on the hill and shoot a deer for the sausage," and John went and shot one and brought it down by the time the hog was scraped, and sausage making then began.

John Phillip Reed, b. 1698, d. 1783; wf. Veronica ——, b. 1702, d. 1792.

John[1] Phillip Rieth was a brother of Leonard Rieth, b. 1691, d. 1747.

Michael[2] Reed, (John[1] Phillip), b. 1728, d. 1806; wf. Ann Maria, da. of Frederic Maurer.

John[3] Phillip Reed, (Michael[2], John[1] Phillip), b. 1764, d. 1836; wf. Elizabeth, da. of John and Susanna Horner.

Michael[4] Reed, (John[3] Phillip, Michael[2], John[1] Phillip), b. 1788, d. 1872; wf. Elizabeth B. Schell, b. 1794, d. 1854.

Maria[5] Catharine Reed (see Minnichs.)

Michael[1] Schell, b. 1675, d. 1770; wf. Veronica, b. 1766.

John[2] Schell, b. 1729, d. 1782; wf. Veronica Maurer, da. of Jacob and Sophia Maurer, b. 1761.

John[3] Schell, b. 1754, d. 1825; wf. Elizabeth B. Hillegas, b. 1763, d. 1842; da. of .John Frederick and Elizabeth Hillegas, b. 1685, d. 1765.

George[2] Peter Hillegas, b. 1735, d. 1810; wf. Anna Barbara Hornecker, b. 1737, d. 1810.

The Hillegas family of Tamaqua are descendants.

Rev. John Schell, of Allentown, an early pastor of the Evangelical church, of Pottsville, was a descendant of Michael Schell. (Penna. German, May, July, 1901.)

Michael Hillegas was the first Treasurer of the U. S. His portrait is on the ten dollar gold certificates of the U. S. Treasury.

John[3] Phillip Rieth, "of the Tulpehocken," was a taxable in Pinegrove Township, 1771.

FIRST AND SECOND GENERATION SHIP LISTS

Immigrants Into Pennsylvania

Ship William and Sarah Hill, from Rotterdam, Philadelphia, September 18, 1727:—John Tob Serveas, Ulrich Sieere.

Ship Elizabeth, from Rotterdam, August 27, 1733:—Jacob Serber, Jr., Jacob Serber, Sr. Another list, same ship: Jacob Sorver, age 56; Barbara Sorver, 23; Fronegh Sorver, 54; Rodelph Sorver, 21; Jacob Sorver, 26.

Ship Glasgow, from Rotterdam, September 9, 1738:—Gottfried Zerfass. Another list, same ship: Godfriet Serwaes.

Ship Samuel, from Rotterdam, August 27, 1739:—Johan Phillip Serfass. Another list: Phillipus Serfas.

Ship Robert and Alice, from Rotterdam, December 3, 1740;—Johan Nicholas Zerfass.

Others who came and must be reckoned in the second generation, all of whom were over 21 years of age on their arrival, were: Hans Surber, October 2, 1741; Henry Cerber, 1742; Caspar Surber, 1737; John Jacob Zervin, 1742; (2)Hans Surber, 1749; Hans Martin Surfas, 1750; Jacob Surber, 1752; Johannes Surber, 1752; Wentzel Serb, 1769.

While some of these adopted the "Zerbe" in the spelling of their names, no connection can be traced to them. The Surbers, doubtless, were Swedes and are the heads of the families known as Sorbers, who are numerous in Pennsylvania and in the United States.

Henry Surber (Zerbe in census of 1790), took out a warrant for land in Lancaster County, August 9, 1738. (Deed Book, Recorder's office, for 250 acres, not returned.)

Phillip Sowber, October 20, 1738, supposed to be the head of the Sourbier or Sorbier branch of Sorbers.

Gottfried Zerben is named as a taxable in Heidelberg Township, 1787.

Gottfried Zerfass, ship lists, ship Glasgow from Rotterdam; another list, same ship, as Godfried Serwaes, September 9, 1738. He is named as Godfrey Zerbe in the census of 1790, Berks County, and no other Godfrey being on record, is doubtless the same man, or his son. March 3, 1789, Gotfried Zerbe m. Appelona Michael (Christ Church.)

Ship Edinburg, from Rotterdam, September 15, 1749:—Freiderich Zerfass.

Ship Patience, from Rotterdam, Captain Hugh Steel, September 17, 1753, last at Cowes, qualified at Philadelphia:—Jean Jacques Servier, afterward known as Jacob Zerbe, aged 29 years.

Ulrich Zurger, ship St. Andrew, from Rotterdam, September 23, 1752.

Ship Peggy, from Rotterdam, September 24, 1753:—Jacob Zerbinger, age 16.

Ship London Pacquet, from Lisbon, September 29, 1769:—Wentzel Serb.

Brig Dolphin, from London, August 29, 1770:—Jean Serieux.

Ship Snow Rose, from Lisbon, September 10, 1770:—Gille Sarier.

Ship Crawford, from Rotterdam, October 16, 1772:—Henrich Zercher.

Some of the above, notably the Serfass', retained the shipmaster's spelling, but the majority spelled their names afterward Zerbe.

SHIP LISTS—PENNA. ARCHIVES

Among the names of foreigners who took the oath of allegiance to the Province and State of Pennsylvania, 1727—1775, occur the following:

1733, August 27—Jacob Server, Sr., and Jacob, Jr., and Rudolph, Ship Elizabeth, from Rotterdam.

1749, September 15—Frederick Zerfass, Portsmouth, England, from Rotterdam.

1738, September 9—Daniel Staudt, Peter Staudt, Ship Glasgow.

1738, September 9—Godfried Serwaes, Ship Glasgow, from Rotterdam.

1740, December 3—Johan Nicholas Zerfass, Captain Hugh Percy.

1769, September 29—Joh. Tob Serveas and Wentzel Serb, Ship Elizabeth, London Packet from Lisbon.

1775, October 3—Theils Zerfass, Ship King of Prussia, from Rotterdam.

Some of the above were Swedes, whose descendants have since variously modernized the spelling of their names.

ZERFASS, SECOND GENERATION

Johan Phillipus Serfass (Sevier, Sarva), Ship "Samuel," from Rotterdam, August 27, 1739, landed at Philadelphia, where he settled. His name appears on the list of members of the Moravian Church, 1727-1754, (Reichel, Vol. 31, p. 97, Transactions of the Moravians), he having been a prominent communicant and helping to build the church, 1742. He removed from Philadelphia to Head's Creek, Upper Northampton, 1754, where he died on his farm in Chestnut Hill Township. There are many descendants of this man in that county.

William, son of Phillip and Mary C. Servas, was a pupil in the "Kinder Gemeine" of the Moravian boarding school for boys, 1747, in Frederick Township. This school was dissolved September 3, 1750, and the pupils transferred to the Moravian schools in Oley Township and at Bethlehem. (pp. 123-127.)

The ground upon which Fort Norris, Northampton County, stood and that of Fort Franklin, then in the same county, now in Schuylkill, was owned by John Serfas; he was the grandfather of Nathan and T. H. Serfas.—(Indian Forts, Vol. 1.)

John Nicholas Zerfass, Ship Robert and Alice, from Rotterdam, December 3, 1740. Settled in Lancaster County. He took up a tract of land, November 13, 1747, returned, April 25, 1788, and another from Peter Klopp and wf., November 10, 1752. (Deed Book, Recorder's office, Lancaster County court house, C, Vol. 10, pp. 60, 446.)

In the Abstract of wills of Lancaster County, 1721-1820, Pennsylvania Historical Society, Philadelphia, Nicholas Zerfass died October 1, 1784; his heirs were: Wife Elizabeth, c., Abraham, Daniel, Samuel and Catharine. Among the Wills of this name, Lancaster County court house, occurs that of Samuel Zerfass, February 28, 1773, and many others of this name of a later date. Some of these records show that some of this line, later, spelled their name "Zerbe."

UNCLASSIFIED ZERBES

Zerbe—Jacob, (Samuel), Middleville, Michigan.

Zerbe—Samuel, brother of above Jacob, d.

Zerbe—Abraham D., (Samuell), Bradford, Ohio.

Zerbe—John, Washington, Illinois, removed to Three Rivers, Michigan. Sons of John; Lewis, Elias and Jacob, d., whose widow lives in Mifflin County, Penna.

Zerbe—L. L., Concord, Morgan County, Illinois.

Zerbe—Daniel, b. in North Heidelberg Township, wf. Catharine Eagle; c., Reuben, William E., Elvina, wf. of John Settler; lives in Kansas.

Zerbe—William E., wf. Sarah Kauffman, had nine children, one of whom, Henry E., m. Hetty D. Groff, florist, Manchester, York County, Penna. Five children deceased.

Zerbe—Henry T., Harrison, Nebraska; Miss Lena Zerbe, same, came west from Landisville, Penna.

Zerbee—Joseph, Ashville, Cambria County, Penna. His daughter married F. D. McNellis, Gallitzin, Penna. Joseph Zerbee is of the original Zerbe stock and came from Lebanon County. He married —— Maguire, of a Revolutionary War ancestor. The daughter, Mrs. McNellis, belongs to the D. A. R.

1873, May 23—Zerbe, Kate, da. of John Zerbe; wife — Hiester, of Upper Tulpehocken; m. Ephraim Henne. They had nine children, three deceased.

There is a tradition that eight brothers came to America from Belgium, locating near Jamestown, Virginia. They spelled the name Surber and Sarvar. It is believed that they were not brothers, but descendants of the eight brothers,

Sevier-Sarva, from Alsace, some of whom took refuge in Belgium during the Huguenot persecutions. They colonized near the border between Virginia and North Carolina, founded a county and named it Wittenberg County, Virginia.

Surber, Surbey, Sarvar, Canton, Ohio. These names are corruptions of the original Sevier, Sarvas.

Surber, A. C., Muncie Indiana, gives the following data:

Surber, Henry, moved from Roanoke, Virginia, to Hillsboro, Highland County, Ohio; son, Henry Surber; son, John P., same address.

Surber, John—Sons, Lewis A., Hillsboro; Dr. A. C. Surber, Muncie, Indiana.

Surber, Rev. Lee, President of the Southern "Christian" College, Nashville, Tennessee, and Minister Plenipotentiary, to Australia during the Cleveland administration, says: "The Surbers were Huguenots and lived in Alsace, France, during the Huguenot persecutions." Mr. Surber now resides in Boise, Idaho.

Zerbe—David, b. in Berks County, 1795. Brothers, Peter, who removed to Portage County, Ohio; Daniel and sister, Susan, of Reading, John and Benneville, d., sons.

Zerbe—Daniel W. (David), b. September 3, 1832, wf. Ellen R. Three daughters, Rebecca Homan, Harriet Darby and Mary Hinkle, d., Williamsport, Pa.

Zerbe— R. H., (Daniel W., David), manager of Lauderbach, Barber Company, wholesale grocers, Phillipsburg, Pa. This branch spells the name "Zerby."

Zerbe—David K., Harry, McClellan and Caroline, of Williamsport. Two being employed on "The Sun" newspaper.

Zerbe—Mrs. Hannah, Jersey Shore, Lycoming County, Pa.

Zerbe—J. G., Professor in High School, Clearfield, Pa.

Zerbe—J. Edward, Lock Haven, Pa.

(Note—The above were written to regarding their line, but no reply was received.)

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO BRITISH CROWN

The early immigrants were required to take the oath of allegiance to the crown of Great Britain and the Province of Pennsylvania, from the year 1727 to 1775. The originals in the possession of the Commonwealth having been badly mutilated by those in search of fortunes, the State reprinted them and they may be found, Vol. XVII, Penna. Archives. All males over sixteen years of age were required to take this oath as soon after their arrival as possible.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO STATE

By an Act of General Assembly of Pennsylvania, June 13, 1777, all men above the age of 18 years, were directed to take an oath of allegiance and fidelity to the State of Pennsylvania. The United States was not at that time a regularly constituted government. This was known as the "Test Oath" and showed that the signer would uphold the new form of government. In several counties there was much opposition to the oath, through fear, largely, that the Revolutionary movement might fail and some were, of course, still loyal to the King of England. The plain sects, Quakers, etc., refused to make oath though some affirmed. Berks County was loyal to the State and nearly all of its male citizens took the oath. The original manuscript is in the possession of the Berks County Historical Society, Reading, and contains the signatures of 5,500 men.

ZERBES WHO TOOK THE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

Zerben, Peter.
Zerbe, Johannes, (the miller, Moravian), affirmed.
Zerbe, Hannes.
Zerbe, John George (son of George Peter.)
Zerbe, Michael (son of George Peter.)
Zerben, Daniel, (son of John, the miller.)
Zerben, George Adam, (son of John, the miller.)
Zerben, Christian, (son of John, the miller.)
Zerben, Peter, Sr. (George Peter.)
Zerbe, Christian (son of John Jacob, Martin.)
Zerbe, Peter.
Zerbe, Johannes.
Zerbe, Phillip.
Zerbe, Leonard.
Zerbe, Peter, Jr.
Zerbe, Benjamin.
Zerben, Jacob.

A few only of the connections have been given, others are found on another page.

The above, with one or two exceptions, all served in the Revolutionary War. Their records are substantiated on another page. No names on the list are duplicated. The signatures, each, refer to a different man of the same name.

TAXABLES IN BERKS COUNTY, ORGANIZED 1752

1753—Tulpehocken Township, John Zerbe, (m. C. Stupp.)
1754—Heidelberg Township, John Zerbe, the miller.
1754—Tulpehocken Township, George Peter Zerbe and Peter, Jr.
1754—Bethel Township, Jacob Zerbe.
1754—Heidelberg Township, Phillip Zerbe, (afterward of Hetzel's.)
1758—Heidelberg Township, (same) Phillip Zerbe.
1772—Pine Grove Township, Daniel Zerbe. (Heidelberg Township in Revolutionary War.)
1786—Pine Grove Township, Phillip, Daniel, and George Adam Zerbe.
1786—Brunswick Township, (Manheim), John George Zerbe.
1786—Same, Peter Zerbe, single, a sojourner. (Supposed to be the Peter who went to Mahantongo Township and afterward settled in Clarion County.)
1798—Tulpehocken Township, John, Emanuel, Christian, Valentine, Leonard, John and Michael Zerbe.
1798—Heidelberg Township, Christian Zerbe.
1798—Pine Grove Township, Daniel, Daniel, Jonathan, Jonathan, George, and Phillip Zerbe.
1810—Mahantongo Township, Peter Zerbe.
1810—Mahantongo Township, George Zerbe, sojourner.
1810—Heidelberg Township, John (the second miller), and Christian Zerbe.
1810—Pine Grove Township, Phillip, Jonathan, Christian, George Adam, Thomas and Adam Zerbe.

DATE OF EARLY CHURCHES ERECTED IN SCHUYLKILL COUNTY WHEN PART OF BERKS

1755—Zion's, or Red Church, West Brunswick Township.
1795—Christ's Reformed, opposite Red Church.
1780—St. Jacob's Church, one and a half miles from Pinegrove.
1784—St. Paul's, South Manheim.
1791—St. John's, Friedensburg.
1790—Summer Hill, near Auburn.
1798—Frieden's Kirche, New Ringgold.

Some of the above churches existed before they were formally organized.

Services were held in the school house adjoining the cemetery, in Beaver Valley, two miles from Cressona, at an early date. This was the first cemetery in that vicinity until the New Jerusalem, near the almshouse, was laid out.

THE FIRST CENSUS

The first census in Pennsylvania was taken 1790. The following are the names of Zerbes in Berks County at that date and the heads of families:

Adam Zerbe, Andrew Zerbe, Benjamin Zerbe, Benjamin, Jr., Zerbe, Catharine Zerbe, widow; Christian Zerbe, Christian Zerbe, Elias Zerbe,

Elizabeth Zerbe, George Zerbe, Godfrey Zerbe, John George Zerbe, John Zerbe, John Zerbe, John Zerbe, Leonard Zerbe, Peter Zerbe, Phillip Zerbe, Wendel Zerbe, Benjamin Serva, Benjamin Serva, Frederick Serva, Michael Serva, Jacob Serva, Christian Server, David Server, Henry Server, Jacob Server, Jacob Server, Jacob, Jr., Server, John Server, John Server, John Server, Phillip Server.

(Note—Where a similarity of names occurs, each refers to a different person.)

GRUBER FAMILY, INTERMARRIED WITH ZERBES

Henry Gruber, born, 1710. Died, 1777. Will probated, June 17, 1777, Berks County, court house. Came to this country in the ship "Dragon," qualifying at Philadelphia, September 30, 1732, and naturalized April 10, 1761. Wife, Maria Euphrosina. He was a member of the Little Tulpehocken Church, one and a half miles southwest of Bernville. When St. Daniel's Corner Church (near Robesonia) was founded, he was one of the original members and he and his wife are buried in that churchyard, and fifty or more of his descendants are interred there. He took up three hundred acres of land in North Heidelberg Township and surveyed it June 17, 1737. In 1761 this land was patented by Penn's agents and in 1769 he divided it into two almost equal portions between his sons, John Adam and Henry. His children were: John Adam, b., October 19, 1735; d., March 6, 1807, who had two wives, Elizabeth and Sarah. John Adam had twelve children.

John[3] Gruber, (John[2] Adam, Henry[1]) owned the old Gruber homestead, from 1807 till his death, 1829. He had six children.

Albrecht Gruber, b., May 9, 1754; d., March 11, 1825; wf., Susanna Vilibina, da. of Henry Knobb and wf., Maria Catharine Fidler, b., July 30, 1767; d., June 16, 1847. Both, with a number of their descendants, are buried at the Union Church, Smithfield, Jefferson County, West Virginia, to where they removed from Jefferson Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, about 1806 and where he bought a farm of three

hundred acres. They had five sons and four daughters. The third child, Susanna Phillipina Gruber, married John[4] Zerbe, (Christian[3], John[2], the m., Lorentz[1],) the second miller. Albrecht Gruber was a son of Christian Gruber, brother of Henry, the immigrant, who was b. October 18, 1712; d., November 14, 1781. His wife was Anna Christiana Kuningunda Stupp, b. December 21, 1721; d., May 30, 1799.

Elmira Gerhart, da. of Gabriel Gerhart, b. February 24, 1816, d., December 31, 1891, and wf. Catharine Gruber, b. February 1, 1825, d., May 24, 1865., m. Monroe Zerbe.

(The Gruber and Sontag tracts of land in Tulpehocken Township, now Jefferson and North Heidelberg, were adjacent to the Zerbe lands.)

John[2] Adam, b., 1705, d., 1807, (Henry[1]). A daughter, Catharine, m. John Keller, 1798. They had two children, Martha and John Keller. Martha married a John Zerbe. Their children were: Eli, Darius, Rebecca, Catharine, Sarah, William and John. (Little Tulpehocken church.)

Richard[5] Michael Gruber (Michael[4], John[3], John[2] Adam, Henry[1]), b., July 20, 1834, d., March 14, 1909; wf., Mary Ann Schaeffer, b. September 14, 1833, d., December 26, 1904; both buried in St. Daniel's cemetery. He was a farmer and school teacher and a resident of North Heidelberg for forty-eight years, where he taught school for thirteen consecutive terms. He and his four sons have a remarkable record as school teachers, each of them attending his school. The eldest taught fourteen terms and was succeeded in turn by his brothers, one of whom is still teaching. Sons:

John Emanuel, b. March 13, 1857; single, lives at Robesonia; clerk in the Recorder of Deed's office, Reading;

Calvin Luther, b., April 8, 1864; of the faculty of the Kutztown State Normal School; wf., Sallie G. Belleman; one daughter, Florence May.

Horace Wayne, b., January 16, 1871; wf., Sarah Susanna Gruber; descended from the line of Christian[1]; brother of Henry[1] Gruber. They have two sons. He is employed at present in the Reading shops of the Reading Railway Company.

Michael[6] Alvin Gruber, (Richard[5] Michael, Michael,[4] John[3], John[2] Adam, Henry[1]); b., April 24, 1855, in North Heidelberg

Township. Graduated from Muhlenberg College, with the degree of Master of Arts, and chose teaching as his profession. During the school term of 1890-91, forty of his pupils were teaching in Berks County. In March, 1891, he passed the civil service examination and was appointed to a clerkship in the U. S. A. War Department, Washington, D. C. The map of the early Manors in Berks County, on another page, is from his pen, he having taken his own surveys. Wife, Amelia Margaret Petree, whom he married 1877 and by whom he had nine children, four of whom are living.

Ralph Arthur, b., November 12, 1879; d., March 16, 1911; buried at Tulpehocken (Royer's) Meeting House, Lebanon County, Pa.; graduate, 1899, of the Keystone State Normal School; taught school two years; married, in 1902, Louisa Elizabeth Eckert, daughter of William J. and Fianna (Mohler) Eckert; one child, a daughter, Anna Louisa, b., December 8, 1902.

Grace Evangeline, b., October 19, 1882; Womelsdorf, Pa.

Ella Florence, b., July 10, 1884; m., Harry E. Betz; four children: Earl James Michael, Anna Mary Amelia, Harry Gruber, and Eva Margaret; Womelsdorf, Pa.

Annie May, b., December 10, 1885; graduate, 1905, of the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, Pa.; teaching school, 1905-9, at Womelsdorf, Pa., and 1910-12 at Weissport, Pa.

Mary Amelia, b., October 1, 1888; graduate, 1908, of the Inter-State Commercial College, Reading, Pa.; married Webster Schnabel; a daughter, Naomi Margaret, West Reading, Pa.

Nicholas Gruber, immigrant, settled in Bucks County, 1750. John H. Gruber, son of Peter Gruber, b., December 14, 1800, d., February 5, 1873. John was b., April 10, 1825, d., October 27, 1888; wf., Angeline Wise. Both are buried in Mumma's cemetery, Harrisburg. Their daughter, Annie E. Gruver, married Wm. H. Zerbe, Insurance and Real Estate Agency, Harrisburg, Pa. John H. Gruver and father, Peter Gruber, born at Green Tree, near Philadelphia, conducted a shoe store in Harrisburg. They were descended from Nicholas Gruber. The change in the spelling of the name has no significance.

SONTAG FAMILY, ZERBE LAND AND ADJACENT TRACT

Sontag (Sunday) Zerbe. Hans Adam Sontag landed at Philadelphia, October 26, 1741. There was surveyed for him, on the Little Swatara, north of Rehersburg, 248 acres of land. He assigned this land to Martin Triester, who received a patent therefor, July 31, 1750. He lived in the Tulpehocken after this date, but there is no record of his taking up land. Adam Sontag, April 18, 1757, had a mortgage recorded on a tract of land in Tulpehocken Township. Fifty acres of land was warranted, March 7, 1746, for the use, in trust, of the Blue Mountain (Zion) church, east of Strausstown. Adam Sontag appears as one of the trustees. The children of Adam Sontag and wife were: Maria Catharine, bap. August 11, 1745; Jacob, bap. June 2, 1748; Herman, bap. March 30, 1751; Anna Catharine, bap. November 17, 1753; b. October 30, 1753.

In Deed Book A, Vol. 5, p. 352, Reading:—John Adam Sontag, of Tulpehocken Twp. (one of the sons of John Adam Sontag, late of Selchenbach in the upper Bailiwick of Lichtenberg, in the Dutchy of Zweybrueck, deceased), and Anna Elisabetha, his wife (late Anna Elisabetha Paff, one of the daughters of Valentine Paff, late of Schwartzenehren in the Bailiwick of Lichtenberg, aforesaid, deceased), send greeting: That the said John Adam Sontag and Anna Elizabetha, his wife, for and in consideration of the natural love which they bear to Nicholas Sontag, of Selchenbach, aforesaid, one of the brothers of John Adam Sontag, do grant unto the said Nicholas Sontag all the Inheritances within the Dutchy of Zweybrueck. To have and to hold, etc., etc. Acknowledged before James Read, Esq., one of the justices of the peace of Berks County, on June 27, 1768.

Adam Sontag, b., June 5, 1764. He married Elizabeth Muench, in Berks County, December 1, 1789. The census of 1790 gives them as living in Brunswick Township, with one girl, one boy. 1793 Adam Sontag appears as a landholder in Northumberland County with four hundred acres. In 1800 Adam Sunday removed from Northumberland to Centre County, where he died, April 24, 1855, at George's Valley, his widow surviving. There is no record of any Sundays intermarrying with the Zerbes. Henry Sunday, the ancestor of Jacob D. Sunday, present owner of "Zerbe's Mill," is supposed to be a descendant of Hans Adam Sontag, but there is no direct proof. This man, with George Peter Zerbe, was in the Indian war, 1756, when the red men raided that township for cattle. (Indian Forts, Part 1.) (Penna. Archives, Series 5, Vol. 1, p. 50.)

A Johan Michael, son of Jacob Sontag and wf., Catharine, b., August 31, 1752, baptized November 12. (St. Michael and Zion's church, Phila.)

FIRST GENERATION

Lorentz Zerbe, (Zarva, Sevier), Huguenot, was one of the three brothers who came from Alsace, France, and subsequently Switzerland and the Palatinates, to New York, 1710, settling on Livingstone Manor and in the Schoharie

Valley, coming to the region of the Tulpehocken, Chester County, 1723, with the thirty-three families from Schoharie, New York. His history up to this time is synonymous with that of his brothers, Mardin and John Phillip, except that there is no record of his having taken part in Queen Anne's war, 1711.

He was one of the signers of the petition presented Governor Keith, and his executive council, of the Province of Pennsylvania, by Indian Commissioner Logan, November 25, 1727-28, for a settlement of their lands with the Indians—finally effected September 7, 1732. His name on the petition was written in German script as "Loritine Serbo." (Lorentz Zerbe, Part 1.)

LORENTZ ZERBE

Lorentz Zerbe, b., 1687; wf., no record. Their children were:

John Zerbe, the miller, b. 1709, d. 1796; Benjamin, b. 1711; Phillip, b 1714; Peter, b. 1724; Margaret, b. 1729, d. 1807; was married three times (His. Samuel Isles). There were doubtless other daughters and, perhaps, sons born in the interim from 1714 to 1729, of whom there is no record.

Lorentz Zerbe took possession of a tract of land on the Tulpehocken Creek, 1731, and the homestead, a log cabin, stood on the knoll above the old mill on the site of the house now occupied by Nathaniel Zerbe.

On the original warrant, taken out by his son, John Zerbe, the m., April 22, 1736, at Harrisburg, it says, "who had already been on this land for five years." The warrant "granted" was for 250 acres and 14 perches of land. (Deed Book, office of Internal Affairs, Harrisburg.)[1]

Twenty-five acres and 14 perches of this tract were patented to Barbara Fohrer and John Nicholas, March 17, 1817,

(Note 1—Reckoning each generation at about thirty years, and the three emigrants as twenty-one years and over (1710) the second generation began 1728-1737. Those that brought children with them or that were born in New York, began earlier.)

and 158 acres and 50 perches of the same tract to John Zerbe, Jr., et al., January 24, 1873, the land being described as being in Heidelberg and Tulpehocken Townships. Lorentz Zerbe was doubtless upon this land, 1723, but like others of the early settlers was unable to gain a title until the settlement was made with the Indians.

This land was re-surveyed, November 25, 1786, to John Klinger, Benjamin Servy, George Forrer, Christian Servy, and the aforesaid John Servy; the foregoing two being sons of John Zerbe, the miller, and one of the others his son-in-law. Upon this land was erected before 1742, the grist mill known as "Zerbe's Mill," and mentioned hereafter.

John "Service" surveyed 200 acres of land (October 6, 1738, Lancaster County C. H., Recorder's office.)

The township of Heidelberg was laid off from Tulpehocken, 1734, at Lancaster, when the town of Lancaster was erected. When Berks County was erected in 1752, part of Heidelberg remained in Lancaster County. Heidelberg was divided, 1842, into North Heidelberg, Heidelberg and Lower Heidelberg.

(Note—John Klinger is mentioned in land transactions of Phillip Zerbe and in connection with the Spanchuchen.)

A grist mill existed, 1732, near the junction of the "Muhlbach" and Tulpehocken Creek. The sagacity of the early settlers in settling along the streams was remarkable. The water power was used to operate small mills for articles their necessities demanded. It is not known when the Zerbe mill was erected, but it was in operation and the mill building on the ground when John "Zerba" bought the right of additional water power from Jacob Follmer, whose mill was farther up the stream; and was probably operated on a small scale by his father, Lorentz, before 1735. The original agreement, of which the insert is a fac simile, is to be found in the Pennsylvania Historical Society Library, Phila., in the "Original Manuscripts of Berks and Schuylkill Coun-

WATER RIGHT AGREEMENT OF JOHANNES ZERBE, 1747

1747 d. 10 December Ein ackort zwischen Jacob
Folmer und Johannes Zerbe von wegen einem wasser
Recht welches sich also an fingt nemlich der dam fengt sich
an oberhalb Johannes Zerbens seiner Mill auf der west seyt
der Krick bey einer Krosen fels alwo sich ein schwemgen an
fengt und so schlauwling auf warts der Krick und Jacob
Folmer hat recht das wasser zu schwellen bis an das erste
fliegen auf der west seyt an der Krick und nicht weyder
und was vor wasser über und durch des Johannes Zerbe seinen
dam felt darf sich der Jacob Folmer den best den nutzen
von machen — der wasser Kraben fengt sich also an an
dem dam wie gewenlich und wirt 6 fus weyt nach der
wasser wag durch des Johannes Zerbens sein Lant gegraben
wo der graben ~~graben~~ oberhalb dem wäg hergeht so muss der
graben 2 fus staden haben und wan das wasser aus reyst
so ist der Jacob Folmer dar zu verbunden es in eyl wieder
zu machen Auch ist Jacob Folmer gebunden weg gut zu hal-
den zum reyden und zum fahren also das Jederman ab und
zu kommen kam ohne gefahr zu leyden Johannes Zerbe
helt im auch auf das dieses wasser nicht soll dienen
auf ein Mahl Mill sondern so balt ein Mahl Mill auf
dieses besagde wasser gebaut wirt so soll das recht zu dem
wasser verlohren seyn und Johannes Zerbe oder den seinigen
wieder zu falten. beide partyen verbinden sich gegen wartigen
accord vest und treulich zu halten in der Summa von ~~[illegible]~~
funfzig pfund gegen einander und das sie wollen alles
ordentlich schreiben lassen. bezeugt ihr Hand in Siegel
~~[illegible]~~

in gegenwart
Conrad Weiser

Johannes Zerbe

Jacob Vallrey

(TRANSLATION.)

1747, December 10. An agreement between Jacob Folmer and John (Johannes) Zerbe about a water right which begins in following manner, to-wit: The dam begins above John Zerbe's mill on the west side of the creek at a large rock, whereat a small swamp begins, and thus gradually upwards along the creek, and Jacob Folmer has the right to swell the water up to the first brook on the west side of the creek, and no further, and what water flows over and through John Zerbe's dam, Jacob Folmer may use to his best advantage. The water race is to begin at the dam as at present and will be 6 feet wide according to water level and leading through the land of John Zerbe; where the race runs above along the roadway it must have two feet of breastwork, and if the water should break through it, Jacob Folmer shall be bound to repair the same immediately. Jacob Folmer shall also be bound to keep the road in good condition for riding or driving, so that every one may come and go without any danger. John Zerbe also requires of him that this water shall not serve to operate a grist mill, but as soon as a grist mill is built on this said water, the right to the water shall be forfeited and return to John Zerbe and his family. Both parties bind themselves to keep this agreement right and faithfully in the sum of fifty pounds, and that it all shall be properly put in writing.

JOHN ZERBE (Seal)
JACOB VOLLMER (Seal)

Witness our hand and seal
In presence
Conrad Weiser

ties, from 1693 to 1869." Conrad Weiser, Indian Interpreter, witness. The 50 pounds referred to were about $150 Pennsylvania currency. The date of the agreement was October 3, 1747[1].

The map on another page of the settlers' lands, 1742, original copy, is also among the manuscripts.

John Zerbe, the m., Heidelberg Township, gave a mortgage to Albrecht Strauss, January 2, 1768, for 40 pounds, on his grist and saw mill and 140 acres of land. Strauss acknowledged payment, June 4, 1784. It is believed that Lorentz Zerbe lived and died upon this tract and that his tomb, like that of his son John's, is to be found in the North Heidelberg cemetery, less than a half mile above the original homestead plot. John Zerbe was one of the builders of this church, 1744.

SECOND GENERATION

EARLY ZERBE MILL

The early Zerbe mill was situated three and a half miles up the Tulpehocken river from Bernville. It was one of the earliest saw and grist mills in Berks County and was operated before 1735, by Lorentz, John, the Miller, and after by John, the second miller, son of Christian. An old road draft (Berks County C. H.) shows the exact locality of the first mill and homestead of John Zerbe, the miller, so marked. Others who operated these two mills were John George Forrer, son-in-law of John Zerbe, the miller, Jacob Seybert, Jacob Wilhelm and Abraham Krick, after whom it was called Krick's Mills, the present name of the post office. The old mill was destroyed by fire. John Zerbe (Christian), the second miller, built the stone mill, a half mile down the Tulpehocken, now owned and operated by Jacob D. Sunday.

(Note 1—August Knecht, Pottsville, former editor and publisher of the "Amerikanischer Republicaner," translated the document from the German.)

The foundation walls of the old Zerbe mill are intact and solid except where part of the walls were removed to use the stone elsewhere. The miller's house in the rear of mill is still standing, the fire not reaching it. Under the garden, with the entrance in the cellar of the mill, is a large vault walled in and as substantial as it was a century and a half ago. The underground cellar was built as a refuge from the Indians in 1750—56.

John Zerbe, the miller, lived in the log house, the Lorentz Zerbe homestead, until he dispossessed himself of his property or at least until 1788. In 1806, when the Little Tulpehocken church was rebuilt, the early Zerbe homestead was razed and the present structure built. In its construction the two oak entrance doors to the church were used and the two columns used to support the church are still standing as the underpinning of the front part of the dwelling. In the large hall are the balustrades of the staircase of the church surmounting the steps. On the large doors the figures 1742—1806 are carved. Forty pounds was paid for the material from the Little Tulpehocken church by Jacob Seybert, (1806,) who was then the owner of the John[2] the miller property. The present owner of the house and farm is Nathaniel Zerbe, a g. g. g. son of the fifth generation of John the Miller and Annie his wife, a born Zerbe, with his mother, wife of Henry Zerbe, d.; his business is that of a market gardener.

(Note)—C. Z. Weiser, in his life of Conrad Weiser, mentions John Philip Zerbe, Martin Zerbe and Lorentz Zerbe as among those who lived in Livingstone Manor, N. Y., in 1710-'11, and as being over 21 years of age.)

John[3] Zerbe (the miller), (Lorentz[1],) b. 1709, d. 1796. He was twice married. First wf., Eva; 2d wf., Elizabeth, m. 1742. He is accredited with having had 21 sons and daugh-

ters, but some of these belonged to the eldest sons of those of the second generation, hereinafter referred to. His children were with, perhaps, some others:

John Jacob, bap. August 14, 1743; sponsors, John Jacob Schaeffer and John George Gardeau.

(Note—The author paid $1.00 for this one name, obtained at the Moravian Historical Archives, Bethlehem, Pa., Prof. Wm. A. Schwarze, Librarian.)

Benjamin, b. 1739; bap., 1740; wf., Elizabeth. (Vol. 5, No. 1, Gen. Soc. Pub., Philadelphia.)

John Jr., b., 1738; d., 1805; wf., Catharine.

Susanna, d., Jan. 17, 1807.

Peter, b. about 1730; wf., Elizabeth.

Daniel, wf., Anna Maria.

Jonathan.

Valentine, settled in Lancaster County.

Margaret.

Leonard, b. July 12, 1745; bap. September 28, 1745; d. August 20. 1824; m., Barbara, daughter of John Wenrich.

Christian, b. November 16, 1750; d. August 6, 1809; m. Sophia Elizabeth Liechen.

George Adam, b .December 13, 1753; d. August 5, 1828; m. Catharine.

George, b. September 3, 1754; d. October 11, 1824; m. Christiana Wenrich; d. November 12, 1821.

Barbara, m. John George Fohrer.

Elizabeth, m. John Nicholas.

Elizabeth, wf. of John Zerbe, the miller, died December, 1749; m., 1742, (Moravian records). This would indicate that he had a third wife, of whom there is no record as George Zerbe, Revolutionary soldier, was born 1754 and other sons were born after the above date and are duly accredited to John the miller.

John Zerbe, the m., took out a patent for land, 250 acres and 14 perches, April 22, 1736, and another for 200 acres, October 6, 1738, as noted in statement of Lorentz Zerbe on a previous page.

John Zerbe, the m., with his brother, Phillip, were petitioners for a new county to be separated from Lancaster County, 1738.

In pursuance of an Act of Parliament made in the 13th year of the reign of King George 2d, an Act for naturalizing foreign protestants was passed in his Majesty's colonies, entitling such to naturalization after producing to court, certificates of having taken the Sacrament within three months and taking the prescribed oath, they thereby, "became natural born subjects of Great Britain." Of these at the April term of the Supreme Court in Philadelphia, April 10, 1754, was: John "Sarvar" the miller.

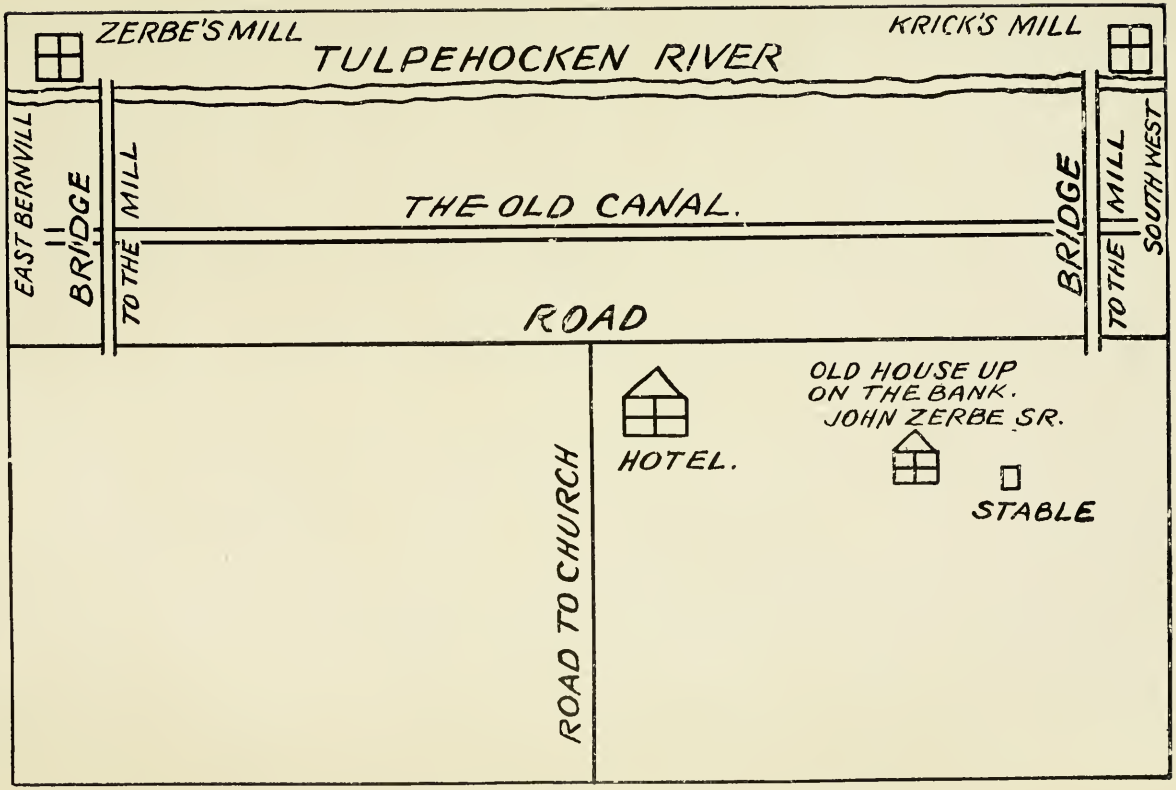
(Note—Others on the same list were: John Caspar Stoever, September 20, 1741; Albrecht Strauss, September 24, 1755; Samuel Filbert, September 24, 1755; Michael Stout, April 1, 1761, Berks County.)

John Zerbe the m., was a taxpayer, 1754, and tax collector in Heidelberg Township, Berks County, 1758.

BLUE MOUNTAIN LANDS

No record can be found of when John[2] Zerbe, the m., took out the first warrant for the tract of land "over the blue hills," now Schuylkill County, but mention is made of his land and the several lands of his son, "John Jr.", in the land surveyed by order of Secy. Richard Peters, April 10, 1754, to Benjamin Zerbe, of Bethel Township, Dauphin County, who was the grantor, to George Adam Zerbe (son of John the miller), August 9, 1788; this tract, hereinafter mentioned, adjoining that of John the m., Sr. and John Jr. The land contained 658 acres and with that of father and son and others of his sons, approximated over one thousand acres in Pinegrove Township, on the waters of Swatara Creek and in the "Blue Mountain Hollow," now Schuylkill County.

John "Zerben" Sr., Heidelberg Township, Berks County, miller, makes application, September 11, 1765, No. 770, Berks Co. Deed Book, "for 300 acres of land in Pinegrove Township; surrounded by land of John Zerbe Sr., and oth-



SITE OF JOHN ZERBE'S OLD MILL, KRICK'S P. O., BERKS CO., PA.

ers, for 60 pounds, paid by (his son), Daniel Zerben, of said Township, who gets one-half of the above mentioned tract of 300 acres.

Benjamin Zerbe, Pinegrove Township, March 15, 1785, John Zerbe, Sr., miller, of Heidelberg Township, gives to the above for 200 pounds in gold and silver, 658 acres paid in installments now satisfied, land north to John Zerbe, Sr., then south to John, Jr., tract of 658 acres. Berks County, Deed Book 11, p. 20., Recorder's office. The warrant was issued for its survey by Secretary Peters to John Zerbe, Sr.

The draft and survey of the George Adam Zerbe tract appears in the Surveyor General's office, Philadelphia, (says the deed), but it may be seen in the office of Internal Affairs, Harrisburg. It says, "upon the payment of 25 pounds additional in gold and silver, the claim was satisfied and he became the owner, August 9, 1788.

(Note—There were three John Zerbes, taxables, 1754. They were of the second and third generation. There were also three John Zerbes in the Revolutionary War, 1776—'83, but the latter were of the third generation. The taxables were: John the m., John (m. Stupp), and the third John may have been John, son of Benjamin, son of Lorentz, or John, son of John Jacob.

John Zerbe, Jr., Tulpehocken, gave toValentine Gebhardt, May 4, 1779, a mortgage for eight hundred pounds on two tracts of land "across the Blue Mountains," containing 150 and 40 acres of land each. This was marked "satisfied."

Daniel Zerbe, Pinegrove Township, gave a mortgage for 470 pounds, August 5, 1786, on 444 acres of land, two saw mills and one grist mill to Christian Uhler, of Lebanon. marked "satisfied."

There was altogether 1000 acres of land in these tracts this side of the Blue Mountain, and John Zerbe, the m., of Heidelberg Township, sold it to Daniel, Benjamin, John, Jr.,

Jonathan, George Adam, Leonard, Christian, Christopher and John George Zerbe, the latter purchasing part of Benjamin's tract, 1788.

(Note—The name John, meaning "by the Grace of God," was affixed to, as well as used as a direct name. There were in some families as many as five sons having the name John as a prefix and also a straight John. John Jacob or "Han Yawcob," etc. The name Maria (Mary) was used in the same sense with the girls but usually as a middle name.)

TULPEHOCKEN CONFUSION

John Zerbe, the m., signed rules in the Tulpehocken confusion for the establishment of a school, 1744. The boarding school at Nazareth, Moravian, was founded, May 28, 1745, with 18 pupils, and discontinued 1785. Elizabeth Zerbe, da. of John the m., and Ann Catharine, da. of Michael Rieth, of Tulpehocken and Heidelberg Townships, were boarding pupils. During their school days two little Indian girls, Beata and Sarah, were baptized at Nazareth, July 27, 1746; they died of smallpox. The girls were taught spinning in this school in addition to their studies. (Vol. I, Transactions of Moravians, Reichel, p. 65.)

Albrecht Klotz, from Tulpehocken, native of Hohenloe, Lower Palatinate, m. Ann Margaret, da. of Michael Rieth, b. in the Schoharie. He kept the Inn, known as the "Rose," at Nazareth. It was a refuge during the Indian massacre when sixty terrified men, women and children came to it and the Moravian "Euphrata" Inn for shelter, November 25, 1755, and 200 were killed in the vicinity and 100 in the adjacent neighborhood.—(Indian Forts, Vol. 1, p. 272.)

The North Heidelberg church, Moravian, was built in the Summer of 1744 and was dedicated November 4 with twenty-two members, among them John Zerbe, the miller, and wife Elizabeth. It was a Moravian church from that date to 1760 when the Moravians retired.

The Moravian Seminary and College for girls and women at Bethlehem was founded 1742. (Montgomery.)

The Moravians during their settlement in Oley Township erected two dwellings on land donated to them by John De Turck, (g. g. f. of Samuel De Turck, Friedensburg), one of which was for several years a flourishing boarding school. There were April, 1753, eight of the Brethren and seven Moravian Sisters here, but John Brucker, who was their pastor, reported the church poorly attended and advised those that desired to be brought up in the church to transfer their membership to the North Heidelberg church.

John Zerbe, the m., gave power of attorney, October 11, 1785, to Leonard, his son, and having dispossessed himself of most of his property in favor of his heirs, retired to Bethel Township, Dauphin, now Lebanon County, to live with his eldest son, Benjamin. The above recorded, Deed Book 9, p. 185, says, "Will at Large." (Berks Co. C. H.) He signed himself as John Zerbe "Der Alt." Bethel Township, Dauphin County.

January 5, 1791, he sold 50 acres of land in Heidelberg Township (presumably the homestead), to John George and Barbara Fohrer, his daughter. There is no record of when or where he died, but tradition says he is buried in North Heidelberg cemetery and that he died at the house at the old mill. Other records place the date as about 1796. The Fohrers sold the place and removed to Pinegrove Township. Captain Michael Fohrer, captain of one of the three companies in the Revolutionary War, from Berks (Schuylkill) County, was a brother of George Fohrer, married to Barbara Zerbe.

The estate of John Zerbe, "der Alt," was not fully settled until 1806, when April 8, his grandchildren, Jacob, Catharine, David, Samuel and Joseph, children of John Zerbe, Jr., petitioned that they might have a share in his estate George Kohl was appointed guardian.

(Note—George Kohl was married to a daughter of John Zerbe, Jr., and lived in Cumru Township, operating the mill of John, of Cumru, after his retirement and death.

SECOND AND THIRD GENERATIONS

There were three Benjamins of successive generations:

Benjamin[2] (Lorentz[1],) b. about 1711.

(Note—Among the folklore of the country a tradition in the Zerbe family credits this old Benjamin as having been seven feet tall with corresponding muscular strength.)

John[3] Zerbe (Benjamin[2], Lorentz[1],) b. 1732, m. Anna Barbara Weickard, 1753; d. November 28, 1758, Tulpehocken. This John was witness for the will of Jacob Weickard, May 13, 1753. Letters of administration were granted the widow, Anna Barbara.

Benjamin[3] Zerbe (John[2] the m., Lorentz[1],) b. 1739; wf., Elizabeth. (Little Tulpehocken Church record.) Children: Hermanus, b. March 24, 1765; m. Maria Rieth, May 12, 1799.

Benjamin[4] Zerbe, (Benjamin[3], John[2] the m., Lorentz[1],)b. May 7, 1763; d. April 17, 1819; m. Anna Margaret Wirtz, b. September 17, 1781. Their children were: 1793, April 17, Elizabeth; 1795, October 3, Susan Margareth; 1800, August 15, Daniel; 1806, May 11, Elizabeth; 1815, Benjamin; 1816, Jacob. (Baptisms, Christ Church.)

The children of Hermanus Zerbe and his wf. Maria Reith were: 1804, June 11, Heinrich; 1802, December 1, Samuel; 1806, February 20, Elizabeth. John Jacob and Eva Reith were sponsors. (Baptisms, Christ Church.)

Benjamin[3] Zerbe settled in that part of Bethel Township, Berks County, that was afterward included in Dauphin County on its erection, now Lebanon County. He is on record, 1754, as having land surveyed to him in Pinegrove Township by order of Secretary Richard Peters. (See John the m.) The majority of Zerbes in Dauphin and Lebanon Counties are the descendants of this man.

John Zerbe, (the miller), grantor, March 26, 1788, to Benjamin Zerbe, Tulpehocken Township (B. 10, p. 332); John Zerbe, Sr., Pinegrove Township, grantor, June 11, 1788. (B. 11, p. 20.)

TOMBSTONE OF MARIA MARGARETHA ZERBEY ILES, WIFE OF MISSIONARY TO ANTIGUA, WEST INDIES.

Michael Kuntz, grantor, to Benjamin Zerbe, Pinegrove Township, (B. 12, p. 246.)

Part of this tract of 1000 acres in Pinegrove Township was taken up by John George[3] Zerbe (George[2] Peter.)

Benjamin Zerbe was a taxpayer in Pinegrove Township, 1772.—(Revolutionary War Record.)

SECOND GENERATION

There were two Peters of the second generation.

Peter[3] Zerbe (Lorentz[1]), b. 1724; wf. Anna Elizabeth Emerich; bap., da. Anna Elizabeth, March 16, 1748. Magar and Elizabeth Emerich, sponsors.—(Stoever's records,) and George[2] Peter (Martin[1].)

THIRD GENERATION

Peter[3] Zerbe (John[2] the m., Lorentz[1]), b. 1730, m. Anna Elizabeth, da. of Abraham Loucks, December 20, 1747. Abraham Loucks, in will proven August 15, 1772, (Vol. 2, p. 115, Abstract of Wills, Berks County, Genealogical Society, Philadelphia,) mentions his daughter Elizabeth, married to Peter[3] Zerbe, (John[2] the m., Lorentz[1]), and her daughter Elizabeth, also his daughter Christina, married to George[2] Peter Zerbe (Martin[1]). George Peter also had a son Peter.

DR. SAMUEL ISLES, MISSIONARY TO ANTIGUA, DANISH WEST INDIES

The Moravian Church in America owes its existence to Count Zinzendorf, nobleman of Saxony, who in 1722, began to gather together the persecuted Huguenots and espoused their cause. He established a colony on his estate and sent out many missionaries and small colonies to distant parts of the world.

Zinzendorf, the great head of "the Universal Church," was present at the coronation of Christian VI, of Denmark. Some of his domestics became acquainted with a negro who

told them of the miseries endured by the negro slaves in St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, and Zinzendorf determined to send teachers to them. Leonard and Tobias Leupold left London, 1731, for St. Thomas.

Dr. Samuel Isles followed 1748, spending eight years of active service at Nisky, on that island. In 1756 he went to Antigua, D. W. I. On his arrival he waited on the Governor and showed him the Act passed 1749, by the Danish government, favoring the work of the Moravian Brethren. The planters patronized him giving him their permission to preach on their plantations. The following year he baptized a negro woman and proposals were made him for building a place of worship. In 1761 a piece of ground, in the town of St. Johns, was bought for a mission and Samuel Isles with his two assistants, John Bennet and Wm. Lister, continued to preach and work among the negroes.

Contagious fevers prevailed in the Danish West Indies that were peculiarly fatal to Europeans; it was from one of these fevers that Samuel Isles' first wife died, in 1760, leaving a daughter four years old. Thirty-six negroes were baptized in the small native church and 7,400 from 1756 to 1792 by successive missionaries. Count Zinzendorf was amazed at the work accomplished and the Government acknowledged the benefit of it. (Sketches of Moravian Missions, 1731—1817, by Rev. John Holmes.) Of the 194 persons employed in the last one hundred years on this Island, forty-six have died of the native fever. (Retrospect of Moravian Missions in Antigua, London Publication, p. 6.)

John Brucker came to Pennsylvania, 1742. From 1743 to 1745 he was a missionary on St. Thomas, Danish West Indies. In 1746 he became pastor of the Moravian churches in the Tulpehocken. From 1754 to 1764 he was the first resident missionary on St. Juan, D. W. I. In 1761 he accompanied Samuel Isles, for a short respite from their work, to Pennsylvania where Samuel Isles married Maria Margaret

Zerbe, daughter of Lorentz Zerbe and sister of John Zerbe, the miller, Moravian, who helped build the North Heidelberg, Moravian, church, where John Brucker at times preached and assisted Brother Neubert and his wife Elizabeth, in the parsonage. John Brucker returned and went to St. Crois, where he died, November 8, 1765.

Samuel Isles was accompanied by his wife to Antigua, leaving his daughter in charge of the Moravian sisterhood, to be educated at the school, Bethlehem, Pa. She died at the age of 57, unmarried.

Samuel Isles died in Antigua of fever, in 1765, and was buried there. (Transactions of the Moravians, Vol. 4, p. 268; Vol. 6, p. 184; Vol. 5, p. 189.)

From tombstones in old Moravian cemetery, Bethlehem:

Maria Elizabeth Isles, b. 1756; d. 1813. She was born in the Island of Antigua, D. W. I. her father, Samuel Isles, being the pioneer missionary on that island, who died there. Row IX, unmarried women, Section C.

Maria Margaret Zerbe (da. of Lorentz Zerbe), b. 1729, d. 1807, from the Tulehocken, Pa., was thrice married. First husband, Samuel Isles, missionary to Antigua, D. W. I.; m. November 29, 1761, who died there, 1765. Second husband, Paul Schneider, m. 1767, died same year. Third husband, J. Chr. Auerbach, m. 1769, d. 1792.

Row V for women, section A, Old Moravian cemetery, Bethlehem, Pa.

LEONARD ZERBE

Leonard[3] Zerbe, (John[3] the m., Lorentz[1],) b. July 12; bap. September 28, 1745; d. August 20, 1824; wf. Barbara Wenrich, b. July, 1744; d. December 29, 1819; c., John, b. August 12, 1772; bap. March 3, 1773; d. January 9, 1859. (Christ Church records); Christina, b. January 7, 1781; bap. December 24; d. September 9, 1854. (Little Tulpehocken church records); Leonard[4], bap. June 4, 1783; d. September

16, 1854; John was baptized same date. John Jacob, b. October 25, 1786, (Christ church.) John[4] (Leonard[3]) stood sponsor for Leonhard's[4] son; John S., b. 1817; bap. April 9, d. September 9, 1854. (Revolutionary War Record.)

Leonard[4] Zerbe lived in Bernville, where he has numerous descendants. Leonard[4], (Leonard[3]), b. June 4, 1783; d. September 16, 1854; m. Susanna Scharff, March 19, 1805, (Christ Church); b. July 8, 1788; d. March 6, 1858. Their children were: John S., b. 1817; Margaret, b. March 30, 1805; wf. Benjamin Marks; Eliza, b. October 4, 1814; wf. of Henry Martin. His will was probated November 8, 1854. (B. 8, p. 37, 57, 157, Berks County C. H.)

In the office of the Department of Internal Affairs, Harrisburg, is a draught of the original survey of 172 acres 76 perches of land in the Township of Tulpehocken, Berks County, to Leonard[3] Zerbe, date of warrant August 1, 1793; returned January 20, 1819, by same. Jacob Spangler, Surveyor General.

Israel[6] Zerbe, b. October 24, 1840, still living, (John[5] Scharf Zerbe, m. to Lydia Kantner; Leonard[4] Zerbe, w. Susanna Scharf, Leonard[3], w. Barbara Wenrich; John[2] the miller, Lorentz[1]), m. Priscilla Barr; c., Adam, wf. Sallie Stoup; Annie, m., one child. Israel Zerbe lives on a fine farm, his son Adam resides on the same place. The business of market gardening of the former being carried on by the son with Reading as the market place. Situated near Cross Keys P. O.

VALENTINE ZERBE

There were three Valentines of the third generation and one of the fourth.

Valentine[3] (John[2] the m., Lorentz[1].) He went early to Lancaster County, (B. R. 46, p. 52, that county, records), Valentine Zerbe, Grantor to John Zerbe (his son), July 10, 1793, and July 27, 1793. Real and personal estate. Will proved July 22, 1795. Their children were Jonathan, Michael, Peter, Mary Hillman and Elizabeth Meanser. Jonathan[4] Zerbe died about May 6, 1790, in Leacock Township; wf. Christina. "His estate to go to his brother Michael's wife on their death. Adam Miller, executor."—(W. B. Lancaster C. H.)

(Note)—There are many Zerbes in Leacock and Cocalico Townships, some of whose ancestors had settled early beyond the line that (1752) divided Berks from Lancaster. They had taken land there before Berks was erected and remained. Peter Zerbe, doubtless the Peter, son of Valentine, had 80 acres of land surveyed, July 2, 1790; he warranted it, March 14, 1817.—(Records, Lancaster County C. H.)

CHRISTIAN ZERBE

Christian[3] Zerbe, (John[2] the m., Lorentz[1]), b. November 16, 1750; d. August 6, 1809; wf., Sophia Elizabeth, Eva Maria Liecken; m. August 26, 1774; b. December 17, 1752; d. August 11, 1818. (Little Tulpehocken cemetery tombstone.) Their children were: Christian, Jacob and John. The will of Christian Zerbe was probated February 27, 1809, with his sons, Jacob and Christian as executors. (Will Book, Vol. 5, p. 244. Berks County C. H.) (See map of Pioneer Homesteads for land.) Christian Zerbe lived in Tulpehocken Township during his lifetime.

Christian[4] Zerbe, Jr., (Christian[3]), b. 1776; m. Catharine Deado; their children were: Elias, b. June 8, 1814; Levi, b. October 18, 1815; Eneas, b. October 24, 1822.

Elias[5] Zerbe, (Christian[4], Jr., Christian[3], John[2] the m., Lorentz[1]); m. Rebecca, (da. of John Zerbe and granddaughter of Christian, Sr.) Their children were: Sarah C., b. August 11, 1839; Annie R., b. October 12, 1841; James E., b. April 11, 1844, Lebanon; John A., b. June 9, 1847, single; d. August, 1913, buried at Rehersburg; Sue E., b. May 17, 1852; Clara H., b. March 27, 1856. This family lived at Rehersburg, Berks County, but removed to Ford County, Kansas, with their six children and their families. Elias Zerbe and wife are buried in Kansas. Several of the children returned to Lebanon, Pa.

Sarah C. Zerbe, m. Charles F. Sippel; da. Annie, b. January 17, 1866; Samuel Topley, 2d h.; Annie Sippel m. Wm. J. Fitzgerald; children: Wm. Russell, Charles Eustace.

Annie R. Zerbe, m. Wilson H. Strickler, no children.

James E. Zerbe m. Evaline Schriver; no children.

Sue E. Zerbe, m. Harry B. Karch; children: Zerbe E., b. April 1, 1884; Mary R., b. January, 1887; Irene, b. August, 1888. Clara H. Zerbe m. Samuel R. Gingrich, d.; children: James W., b. July 3, 1866; John, b. April, 1888. Annie R., b. December 15, 1889; Eva C., b. January 21, 1892.

James E. Zerbe, Lebanon, says: His grandfather, Christian[4] is buried at Shiremanstown, Cumberland County, where the family had removed. His wife, Catharine[4], a born Zerbe, and son Levi[5], father of Benton[6] H. Zerbe are buried at Harrisburg.

(Dr. D. W. C. Laverty, Middletown, Pa., and Anna Priscilla Erving, Newburgh, N. Y., are indirect descendants of Christian[4] Zerbe.)

REVOLUTIONARY WAR RECORD

Christian Serfass, Vol. 4, p. 664; Vol 8, p. 203. Same from Northampton County, Vol. 8, 493.

Christian Zerbe., Capt. Phillip Filbert's Co., Berks County, Vol. 6, p. 322.

Both Christians were in the Revolutionary War, Part 1, the latter is the head of this line.

Eni[5] Zerbe, (Christian[4], Christian[3] Jr., John the m., Lorentz[1]); b. October 24, 1822; m. Lizzie, da. of Wm. H. Bradford. Their children were: Mary E., b. January 14, 1845; Lydia A., b. April 11, 1846; William A., b. August 11, 1851; James V., b. March 25, 1853; Mina A., b. April 9, 1855; Ida R., b. October 27, 1857; Edward M., b. March 10, 1860; Robert H., b. May 13, 1862; Ellen W., b. May 13, 1864; Estelle M., b. January 23, 1866.

Mary m. George Free; c.: George, b. November 5, 1866; Mary E., Robert.

Lydia m. George Drawbauch; c.: Elmer, b. 1870; Cora, b. 1872; Myrtle, b. 1874; William W., b. 1876; George B., b. 1878; Ralph A., b. 1880; Edna M., b. 1882; John B., b. 1884; Beuhla, b. 1887; Hazel, b. 1889.

William Zerbe m. Annie Gruber; c.: William, Raymond, Sophia, Edna, Harry.

James V. Zerbe m. Jennie Taylor; c.: Ralph, b. February 14, 1879; Wilson B., b. September 22, 1880; Leon R., b. January 7, 1895; Cecil L., b. April 1, 1899; Esther E., b. August 21, 1901; Dorothy, b. June 10, 1904; Emily R., b. 1908; Lawrence, b. October 27, 1911.

Mina A. m. W. W. Winne; c.; Mabel, b. 1876; Arthur, b. 1879.

Ida R. m. John Miller, son Donald; Edward, d. December 24, 1874. Robert, m. Priscilla; son Robert.

Levi[5] Zerbe, (Christian[4], Christian[3], John[2] the m., Lorentz[1]); b. October, 1816; m. Mary Reber, Lebanon. Their children were: Benton H.; Annie P.; William K.; Lina; Marion. Annie m. John Irving; da. Dolly. Wilkins not heard from since close of the Civil War. Lina m. Alfred Morey, d. Marion m.——

BENTON H. ZERBE

Benton[6] H. Zerbe, (Levi[5], Christian[4], Christian[3], John[2] the m., Lorentz[1]), b. in Lebanon, 1840, where he received his early education in the public schools. His father destined him for the legal profession but he disliked the close application to study and when but little more than fourteen years

of age he ran away from home and shipped from New York on a sailing vessel as shipmaster's apprentice, for the East Indies.

He was shipwrecked several times and was once, with several companions, cast on a desert island in the South Seas, where they were compelled to remain for several months until they were, at length, picked up by a passing vessel. Shipping again and re-shipping on different vessels, in the trading lines, he sailed all over the world, meeting with the most thrilling experiences, with the aborigines, in distant parts, and encountering the severest hardships in the Simoons and tropical storms of the equatorial and South Sea regions and being given up, many times, as dead by his friends.

After about seven years of this rigorous life, he settled in New Orleans, to which port he had last sailed, to and fro, in a fruit and cotton trading vessel, from Jamaica. Engaging in a shipping branch of the above line, he was prospering. when the Civil War broke out in 1861. He was conscripted into the Confederate army and belonged to the famous "Louisiana Tigers."

Benton Zerbe's sympathies, however, were with the North and he permitted himself to be taken prisoner, by U. S. troops, at Gettysburg. He was imprisoned at Fort Mifflin, on the Delaware, where he took the oath of allegiance. He at once entered actively, with others, in the raising of the 3rd New Jersey Regiment of Cavalry, recruited for the U. S. army and was made a Captain of one of the companies, with which he served until the close of the war. The men of this regiment were known as the "New Jersey Butterflies," owing to their blue capes, lined with bright yellow. The service they performed in the War of the Rebellion is a matter of history.

With the close of the Civil War, 1865, Benton Zerbe became foreign sales agent for the Armstrong and Whitney Firearms and War Supplies Company, of New York, and sailed at once for Europe.

Already an accomplished linguist, through foreign travel, in coming in contact with the military heads of the different European governments, in pursuance of the business with which he was connected, it became second nature with him to study up the nomenclature of the countries he visited and thus pursue and trace up the records and history of his family name.

Benton H. Zerbe married Miss Jeanette Scott, of South Shields, England, 1868. Two children were born them, Harold and Ethel. The former is an electrical engineer in the English Navy. When last heard from both were unmarried. Mr. Zerbe resided at New Castle, on the Tyne, England, where he died in 1899.

(The author is indebted to James E. Zerbe, of Lebanon, uncle of Benton Zerbe, for the use of his brief and terse letters from abroad, from which facts have been gleaned of the history of the Zerbe family, in Europe, and carefully compiled.)

JOHN ZERBE'S LAW SUIT

John[4] Zerbe, the second miller, (Christian[3], John[2] the m., Lorentz[1]), was a unique character. He lived at the old mill of John Zerbe the m., but built the stone mill a half mile down the creek now owned and operated by Jacob D. Sunday (Sontag). There was a small mill at this point prior to this date. A record in the Berks County D. B. says: "Jacob Zerbe and wife Catharine, together deeded the mill to John Zerbe, the miller, wf. Vilibina Gruber." The location of Christian Zerbe's land is shown upon the map of the Homesteads, (1723), upon another page. This land was divided between his sons, Jacob, Christian and John.

Jacob Zerbe, (Christian, John the m., Lorentz), lived on a tract of land adjoining Albrecht Strauss', between John Zerbe, the miller's, and that of his cousin, George Peter Zerbe's, at Hosts.

John[4] Zerbe, second miller, got into an altercation with a neighbor as to who owned a certain field, the dividing line between their plantations and a law suit followed which was bitterly fought in the Berks County courts, and lasted fifty years and even now no title is given to the land which has been sold and resold for the taxes and in which litigation the different owners of the mill were drawn. John Zerbe is said to have lost thirteen thousand dollars through this suit and died a comparatively poor man as the result. Jacob Wilhelm and three sons sold the mill to J. D. Sunday, who enjoys a prosperous business as the result of his energetic methods of conducting it.

George Schaffner, son of Daniel Schaffner, who bought the property at Hosts from the George Peter Zerbe heirs, built the Cross Keys Hotel, 1844. His father the same year built an oil mill near where "Sharva's Run" empties into the Tulpehocken, between the old and new mills.

John[4] Zerbe, (Christian), the second miller of North Heidelberg Township, b. June 24, 1783, d. December 21, 1857. Wife, Susanna Philipina Gruber, da. of Albrecht and Susanna Knobb Gruber, b. September 22, 1790, d. December 24, 1869. Both are buried in the Little Tulpehocken church cemetery, one and a half miles west of Bernville. They had sixteen children, seven sons and six daughters, three died in infancy. Their children were:

Andrew Zerbe, born July 23, 1807; d. April 18, 1805; wf., Susanna Ulrich, b. November 4, 1787; da. of Valentine Ulrich and Rosina Berger, of Pinegrove Township. A second record gives Andrew as married to Salome Staudt, b. 1809; d. 1887. He may have had two wives, or there may have been another Andrew. A sister, Salome Susanna Staudt, m. John Schaeffer. (They were the maternal grandparents of M. A. Gruber.)

William James (Andrew), b. 1837.

Zerbe, Rebecca—b. November 26, 1810; m. Elias[5] Zerbe, son of Christian[4], Jr.

Zerbe, Henry—b. June 13, 1814; d. February 18, 1854; m. Maria Bittle.

Zerbe, Sarah—b. March 31, 1816; d. October 8, 1881; m. Daniel Keller.

Zerbe, John—b. July 24, 1819; d. October 8, 1881;m. Elizabeth Lengle.

Zerbe, Daniel—m. Catharine Spangler.

Zerbe, Mary—m. Augusta Yeager.

Zerbe, Rachael—m. Isaac Noecker.

Zerbe, Sophia—m. John Biddle, Friedensburg, Schuylkill County. Children: Isaac, Lewis, Washington, Jacob, Sarah; most of whom are settled in the Long Run Valley, Schuylkill County, Pa. Mrs. Sophia Biddle, who lived with her children at Friedensburg, d., 1912, aged 82 years.

Zerbe, Nathan—First wf., Mary Scholl; second wf., Polly Achenbach. Children: Leando, John, Mary, Sarah, Elmer, Edward, Morris and Nathan, (Christ Church). Some of these reside at Lebanon and Reading, others live in the West.

Zerbe, Isaac—m. Caroline Livengood. Children: Agnes, Samuel, Pamilla, Isaac, Alice. Isaac Zerbe was a shoemaker by trade. He lived at Mt. Aetna, Berks County, where he acted as school teacher and organist at the Rehersburg church. He removed with his family early to the West. His children were: Henry Zerbe, d., a General in the Civil War, Herring, Ohio, resided with his niece, Mrs. Sarah Silverling, 891 Belmont Ave., West Philadelphia; Abraham, Red Run, Pa.; Isaac and John, Stevens, Pa.; William, Bowmansville, Lancaster Co.; Samuel, Swartsville, Pa.

Zerbe, Julia—m. John Anthony; children: Amelia, Rebecca.

Zerbe, Percival—First wife, Caroline Schriver; second, Anna Blatt. Children: Nathaniel, Henry, John.

The children of Sarah and Daniel Keller were: William, Maria, Levi, Daniel, Henry, John, Savilla, Amelia.

Nathaniel[6] Zerbe, wf. Annie, a born Zerbe, (Henry[5] wf. Elmira Lengle; Percival[4], John the second miller, Christian, John[2] the m., Lorentz[1].),

Rebecca Zerbe, daughter of John[5], married Daniel Troutman, and still lives in the house built by her father, where both he and his father, John[4] died, and where she cared for them both during their last illness and from which house they were buried.

Henry[6] Zerbe, assisted by his son Francis, is the organist of the Berville Reformed and Lutheran church.

Thomas[7] J. Zerbe, (William[6], Daniel[5], John[4] the second miller, Christian[3], John[2] the m., Lorentz[1]). Justice of the Peace and school teacher. His father, William E., was a soldier in the Civil War.

The Berks County court records show Jacob Zerbe and wife, grantors, to John Zerbe, May 1, 1820, Heidelberg, (B.

1-50, 553.) Christian Zerbe, grantor, to Jacob, grantee, May 1, 1820, Power of Attorney. (Vol. 1, 33, 307.) This refers to the transfer of the land of John the miller, through Christian and Jacob, his sons, to his grandson, John the second miller.

(Many of John[4] Zerbe's (b. June 24, 1783,) descendants live in Reading and others went West.)

Daniel[5] Zerbe, (John[4]); wf., Kate Spangler; children: Mary, Ephraim and James. Mary m. ——, lives in Strausstown, Berks County. Ephraim died at Mt. Pleasant. Son, Harry, lives at Scranton, piano tuner, has adult children.

James Zerbe, b. April 19, 1837, d. January, 1915; wf., Ellen E. Miller, d., b. 1840; c.: Reilly, Harry. James Zerbe lived for years in Stouchsburg, Berks County, where he founded the cigar manufacturing business and was successful in it, but subsequently retired and removed to Palmyra.

Reilly Zerbe, b. January 11, 1860, (James[6], Daniel[5], John[4], Christian[3], John[2], Lorentz[1]); wf., Mary A. Killmer; m. December 25, 1880. Daughter Ella G. m. Joseph A. Gernert, hotel-keeper at Millersburg, Dauphin County. No children.

Reilly Zerbe, originator of the large cigar manufactory, Stouchsburg, Berks County, employing about seventy hands. He conducted a prosperous business, but has retired to private life. He owns a beautiful home, a pressed brick mansion with all the modern improvements, on the main street of the town, of which he is one of the progressive citizens. He is the secretary of Christ Lutheran Church.

Harry[7] Zerbe (James[6]); b. November, 1875; m. Annie Bentz, 1895; baker; lives in Scranton; c.: Elsie, Mary, Joyce, James.

NATHAN ZERBE, RAILROADER, GORDON, SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, PA.

Nathan[6] Zerbe, (Nathan[5]), b. February 18, 1848; m. February 26, 1869, Wilhelmina Dunmoyer, of Lebanon County, d. Second wf., Sarah Maurer, of Gordon. Children of first wife: Sarah, wife of Samuel Yarnall, Gordon, two children; Katie, wf. of Lester Resch, no issue, Lynwood, N. J. Children of second wife: Gertrude, m. John Saeger, Ashland, one son. Three sons: Harry, Albert and Clyde, mar-

ried and Luther at home, all of Gordon, Schuylkill County. Nathan Zerbe has been in the employ of the Reading Railway Company for forty-seven consecutive years as railroader, is hale and hearty and bids fair to reach the age of seventy, in the harness, when he will be retired as a pensioner. He owns a comfortable home and is highly respected in the community.

JOHN ZERBE, OF CUMRU TOWNSHIP

John[3] Zerbe, (John[2] the m., Lorentz[1]), b. bet. 1735 and '38; wf., Catharine. He died during 1805, his will being probated April 8, 1805. (There are no death records in the Angelica church before 1850.) John Zerbe and wf. Catharine and brother Jonathan and sister Susanna, single, came to Cumru Township about 1760 and took up land about eight miles from Reading, on the Lancaster road, several miles from the Lancaster County line, on Allegheny Creek, near the line now dividing Cumru and Brecknock Townships. (It will be noted that there are three millers named, John Zerbe, of the second, third and fourth generations.)

John and Jonathan Zerbe bought land in Cumru Township, March 4, 1764 (Deed Book 7, p. 4, Berks County). April 1, 1777, Jonathan Zerbe deeded 50 acres of land to John Zerbe; March 18, 1777, John and Jonathan Zerbe sold the land, 210 acres and allowances, to George Plankenbiller, (Deed B. 7, p. 5).

George[1] Kohl, m. Eva, da. of John Zerbe; he kept the Angelica hotel and here John Zerbe and wife died. John[3] Zerbe, a miller, built the old mill, part of which is still standing near the addition built by George[2] Kohl.

The children of John and Catharine Zerbe were:

Eva, wf. of George Kohl; Jacob, John, David, Elizabeth, Anna Maria, b. January 12, 1783; Susanna Christina, b. March 25, 1776.

The heirs are mentioned in his will. (Abstract of Berks County Wills, Vol. 2, 1798-1825, Gen. Soc., Phila.)

Letters testamentary were granted Jacob, his eldest son, and the wife Catharine, to whom he bequeathed "one hundred pounds first money and seven pounds, 10 S. yearly. His children shall account for what they have received and share alike. If his son John is alive or not, his share shall go to his children. His wife had an estate of her own." (B. 4, p. 277, Berks County court house, Vol. 3, p. 170.)

(This John Zerbe witnessed the will of Anthony Scheimer, of Cumru, June 29, 1768.—Penna. Historical Society, Abstract of Wills, Philadelphia.)

Elizabeth Zerbe (John[3]), m. Adam, son of George Gramling, March 27, 1780. (Marriages of Rev. John Walderschmidt, Penna. Archives, 6th series, Vol. 6, p. 255.) They had three children:

Jacob, John and Sarah Gramling, and were over 14 years of age when letters of administration were granted to their grandfather, John Zerbe.

John[3] Zerbe, Revolutionary War Record, Part 1. He was one of the three John Zerbes from Berks County, whose record is found in the office of the War Department, Washington, D. C., (Part 1.)

Zerbe, Jonathan, May 22, 1792, 311 acres, warranted, returned October 12, 1812, Caspar Reeser, patentee. Township not mentioned, probably Cumru.

Zerbe, Leonard, August 1, 1793, 150 acres, returned 172, February 12, 1795, Leonard Zerbe.

THIRD AND FOURTH GENERATION

JONATHAN ZERBE

Jonathan Zerbe left for Pinegrove Township about 1777, where he settled but retained his membership with the Angelica church, in the records of which he is noted as having communed in 1799 and 1804, with John and Catharine and October 16, 1803. In 1805 Catharine is on record as alone, John, Sr., dying early in that year. When John Zerbe came, about 1760, Allegheny church, near the dividing line of Cumru and Brecknock Townships, was already built, a small log

house, erected in 1750. Among the archives is a solid pewter communion service that was brought from Germany by the first settlers, that is highly prized by the present communicants, owing to its association with the old log church. Another church was erected in the '60's and Johannes Zerbe, "miller," appears on the church list as being a leading contributor. Jonathan Zerbe is also noted in 1775 as a contributor, and George Kohl and wife, Margaret, are on the list and are also recorded as baptizing children, among them George Kohl, who took out a deed to the land and mill, March 9, 1824. (B. 9, 212; B. 16, 138).

John^4 Zerbe, Jr., (John^3, John^2 the m., Lorentz^1); b. 1765; wf. Barbara, da. of Peter Schweitzer, b. October 20, 1765; d. February 1, 1830. Children: 1781, May 17, Jacob, d. November 16, 1862; 1790, November 30, Catharine; 1792, July 12, David; (Sponsors, John and Catharine, grandparents); 1793, October 11, Samuel, m. da. of Jacob Leiby; 1794, John; 1796, January 27, Joseph; (Rev. Illing's and Allegheny Church records.)

John^4 Zerbe died about December 25, 1796; his will was probated January 30, 1797, and states that the widow, Barbara, da. of Peter Schweitzer, of Brecknock Township, renounced and that her brother Peter and David Zerbe were the administrators (D. B. 5, p. 114), and that he left five children under 14 years of age at the above date and five over.

Joseph Zerbe m. —— Reeser. Joseph Zerbe and wife died before December 18, 1821, when letters of administration were given Jacob Zerbe, his brothers, and John Reeser. Barbara Schweitzer, widow of John^4 Zerbe, married Adam, son of George Gramling, a widower, and former husband of Elizabeth Zerbe, her sister-in-law.

Samuel and Joseph^5 Zerbe (John^4 Zerbe), are found on record in the Penna. Archives, 6th series, Vol. 9, pp. 408-505-603, as soldiers from Cumru Township, Berks County, in the War of 1812—'14, and are on the pension list.

Jacob^4 Zerbe, (John^3, John^2 the m., Lorentz^1), b. 1775; wf., Elizabeth, da. of Jacob Leiby. Children: 1799, September 8, Maria, sponsors, Eva Zerbe, Jacob Heinberger; 1800, July 17, —— ——, sponsors, Anna Maria Zerbe, Jacob Heinberger; 1801, November 13, Elizabeth. The above Jacob was confirmed 1791 (Allegheny church record).

Among the returns and assessments of Woodbury Township, Huntingdon County, Pa., for 1788 and 1789, occurs the name of Jacob "Sarver," father and son, (Brumbach Genealogy). Also in the same volume the marriage is noted of Jesse C. Brumbaugh to Clara "Serby," b. April 17, 1865.

DAVID ZERBE

David[4] Zerbe, (John[3], John[2] the m., Lorentz[1]); b. 1767; wf., Barbara. Children: 1790, October 20, Daniel, sponsors, John and Catharine; 1792, March 14, Hannah; 1793, October 24, John; 1795, November 2, Anna Maria; 1799, July 16, Barbara; 1801, June 28, Samuel, sponsors, John and Catharine, grandparents; 1802, December 30, Peter; 1809, August 10, Susan, (Allegheny c. records).

David[4] Zerbe, the above, stood sponsor, February 6, 1788, at Trinity Lutheran church, Reading. (Records).

David[4] Zerbe lived and died in Cumru Township. He was the treasurer of the Allegheny church, 1789, and held other offices of trust in that congregation at various times up to his death.

John[5] Zerbe, (David[4]), b. October 24, 1793, had sons William and Lazarus, who settled at Williamstown, Pa. A son of one of the above, John A. Zerbe, lives at Altoona, Pa.

David[5] Zerbe, (John[4], John[3], John[2] the m., Lorentz[1]), b. July 12, 1792; bap., August 19, at Allegheny church, Brecknock Township; his grandparents, John and Catharine, stood sponsors. Parents, John and Barbara. David, m. Elizabeth Koller, of Tulpehocken Township, May 15, 1817, (Christ church records). Children:

William, 1818, October 25; Maria, 1820, August 27; Magdalena, 1821, November 14; Barbara, 1823, October 25; Lavina, 1825, December 18; Solomon, 1827, July 11; Leah, 1828, October 22; Lazarus, 1830, June 10; Elizabeth, 1831, August 9; Priscilla, 1832, October 23; Michael, 1834, May 4; Eva, 1836, March 23; Sarah Eliza, 1837, August 20; (Hetzel's Lutheran church, Washington Township, Schuylkill County, Pa.)

The addresses of the above are: Magdalena, Urbana, Ill.; Mrs. E. C. Miller, Gettysburg, Ohio; Mrs. Eva Steiger, Beansville, Ohio; Mrs. Louisa Haines, Urbana, Ohio; Mrs. Lavina Covill, Texaseana, Texas; Michael J., Centre, Ohio; Mrs. Sarah Butcher, Piqua, Ohio; Mrs. Elizabeth Farris, Dunkirk, Indiana.

David[5] Zerbe settled in Pinegrove Township, 1817, where his children were born, removing, with others of his family, to Ohio, 1839.

REV. JOHN W. ZERBE

William[6] Zerbe, (David[5], John[4], John[3], John[2] the m., Lorentz[1]); b. 1818; m. Mary Butcher, October 15, 1841; b. February 22, 1821, in Lancaster County. Wm. Zerbe was born in Pinegrove Township, removing to Ohio, 1839, and removing again to Howard County, Indiana, 1865. Their children were:

Charles C., b. November, 1848; d. March 16, 1893; m. Louisa Lindley, b. August 3, 1853; children: John W., b. February 26, 1873; Laura, wf. of —— Hensler, b. December 11, 1874; Clara Rogers, b. March 20, 1879; d.; Nora King, b. February 22, 1882; Maude Kendall, b. April, 1886; Roscoe, b. 1891.

Rev. John W. Zerbe is an ordained minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Indiana. He was stationed at Williamsburg, Ind., (1913); wf., Amelia May Paulus, b. December 9, 1876; children: Paul, b. February 1st, 1899; Fannie, b. December 3, 1901; Donald, b. November 8, 1905; John, b. January 28, 1908; Mary, b. April 21, 1910.

Jacob[5] Zerbe, (John[4], John[3], John[2] the m., Lorentz[1]); b. May 17, 1789; d. November 16, 1862; wf., Susanna; c.: 1810, March 4, Catharine; 1812, January 21, Sarah; 1814, January 28, John; 1816, July 20, Susanna; 1818, September 14, Magdalena; 1821, March 26, Jacob; 1823, September 29, Joseph; 1826, November 3, Isaac, who died at Bowmansville, Lancaster County, six miles from the Allegheny church; 1830, February 20, Samuel; 1833, March 19, William.

Jacob[6] Zerbe, (Jacob[5], John[4], John[3], John[2] the m., Lorentz[1]); b. 1821, March 26; wf., Cassie, or Catharine; c.: 1845, April 20, Maria Anna; 1846, September 3, Susanna; 1849, September 2, Sarah; 1853, May 7, Samuel and Mary, Eliza Ann (triplets); 1854, March 3, Emma Elizabeth; 1856, May 27, Amanda; 1858, May 28, John; 1860, October 9, Louisa, m. Remp. (Allegheny church records.)

Jacob[4] Zerbe, (Christian[3], John[2] the m., Lorentz[1]); b. May 22, 1775; d. April 26, 1831; first wife, Catharine Zimmerman; m. 1796; children: Phillip, b. 1797; Salome, b. August 3, 1803; Catharine, b. February 15, 1805. Second wife, Catharine Rudebach, b. August, 1781; d. August, 1860; married December, 1805. Jacob Zerbe lived upon a tract of land on the hill five miles from Womelsdorf toward Hosts P. O.,

the tract or part of it belonging to his father, Christian (see map).

(Berks County Deed Book 4-9, p. 553), gives Jacob and wife Catharine, as grantors, to John, grantee, Heidelberg Township, of fifty acres of this land. This John was his brother, son of Christian and Elizabeth Liecken Zerbe. The children of Jacob Zerbe and Catharine Rudebach were:

1806, June 27, John Adam; 1807, Justine; 1811, January 5, Augustus, d. February 9, 1858, m. Elizabeth ——; 1813, Eliza, m. John Hagenbach, 1 son, 1 daughter; 1817, December 26, Mary, m. J. L. Smith, da. Elizabeth, b. October 4, 1841; second husband, J. Dupner das. Emma, Lucy, m. Jacob Mack; 1822, January 7, Franklin.

The sponsors for the above were Christian Zerbe and wife Catharine Deado; and Christian Zerbe and wf. Eva, grandparents and uncle, respectively, of the children. (Christ church records).

Annie Zerbe, daughter of Jared, son of Phillip, and wife of Nathaniel Zerbe, says, her grandfather was Phillip and great grandfather Jacob, son of Christian. (Little Tulpehocken church records, and Rehersburg church records, family bibles and descendants.)

Augustus[5] Zerbe, (Jacob[4], Christian[3], John[2] the m., Lorentz[1]); wf. Elizabeth. Children:

1843, April 19, Henrietta Emmaline; 1846, April 11, Regina, (Christ church records). They had other children: Mrs. Daniel Stambough, (Emmaline), Myerstown, Pa.; Isaac, d.; Harrison, d., b. February 22, 1839; Maria, b. August 15, 1837; Mrs. Rebecca Sheets, d.; Harriet Pfiefer, Myerstown, Pa. The parents of Augustus were: Jacob Zerbe and Catharine Rudebach.

Maria[4] Rieth, (Jacob[3], John[2] Nicholas, Leonard[1] Rieth); wf. of Jacob Scheetz, son of Jacob Edward Scheetz; wf. —— Braun. Jacob Scheetz's son, John E. Scheetz, m. Rebecca, da. of Augustus Zerbe. Mrs. Katharine S. Scheetz, Des Moines, Ia., a daughter of John E. and Rebecca Scheetz. Harry Zerbe, Bernville, a well-to-do horse dealer, was a son of Augustus Zerbe.

(Note—The will of Jacob Zerbe was admitted to probate, 1832. B. 7, p. 31, Berks County court house.)

LAND OF GEORGE ADAM ZERBE

(B. 11, p. 102, Record of Deeds, Berks County): Benjamin Zerbe, Grantor, to George Adam Zerbe, November 19, 1788, tract of land in Pinegrove Township, returned June 3, 1815. The 200 acres upon survey were surrounded by lands of Wm. Witman, Barr Wheeler, Conrad Lengle, Peter Zimmerman. The deed says: "There is upon the above tract a good two-story log house, a log barn and 50 acres of upland cleared, and four acres of meadow, a saw mill and an orchard planted and some of the trees are grown to considerable size. The family of George Adam Zerbe live at present in said house.

Patent Book H, Vol. 12, p. 562, office of Internal Affairs, Harrisburg, also gives this warrant granted as April 25, 1815, and that $16.80 was paid for the return. C. W., of Penna., John Cochran, Sec. There is a fine draft of the place in the Patent Book.

A second warrant, September 5, 1794, surveyed October 8, to Jacob Zoll, 217 acres 95 perches, Brunswick Township, George Adam Zerbe, grantor; returned April 24, 1815. (George Adam Zerbe is on the tax list of Pinegrove Township, 1787.)

John Adam and Michael, sons of George Adam Zerbe removed to Port Carbon about 1838; John lived and died in Pinegrove, May 26, 1870. John Adam was a wood sawyer and was boss sawyer in a mill at "Tarr's Well."

George Adam Zerbe took out a warrant December 2, 1784, for 300 acres of land, in Pinegrove Township, returned December 6, 1784, Berks County court house.

John Adam, (George Adam) warranted 40 acres of land, Pinegrove Township, March 3, 1825, returned March 4, 1830. John, his brother, 100 acres, April 30, 1825, patented October 11, 1825. (Schuylkill County court house.)

George[3] Adam Zerbe, (John[2] the m., Lorentz[1]), b. December 13, 1753; d. August 5, 1828; wf. Elizabeth, da. of Assumus Boyer; m., 1779, at the Red church below Orwigsburg. They had six sons and three daughters. Husband and wife are buried in the first laid out cemetery in Pinegrove. Their children were:

Jacob, b. April 10, 1780; Phillip, b. January 18, 1784; John, b. August 7, 1786; Michael, b. March 21, 1791; John Adam, b. March 1, 1794; George A., b. January 24, 1797; Madeline, m. —— Clemons. Catharine, b. February 17, 1782, m. Peter Zimmerman, son of Peter Zimmerman; Elizabeth, b. May 9, 1800, m. —— Bretz, and lived at Pinegrove; Michael, m. Mary Bretz. A sister and two brothers married a brother and two sisters. All were born in Pinegrove Township. (Family bible of George Adam Zerbe, in possession of his granddaughter, Mrs. Henrietta Berdanier, d., aged eighty-six years, of Frackville, Schuylkill County.)

Peter Zimmerman and wife, Catharine Zerbe, m. 1800; bap.; children: Johann George, July 25, 1801; Salome, bap. June 24, 1804; Catharine, bap. March 27, 1807; (Jacob's church records).

Jacob Zerbe, m. Catharine, da. of Peter Zimmerman, 1802; a sister and brother married a brother and sister.

Jacob Zerbe and wife Catharine, bap. Salomine, b. August 3, bap. August 28, 1803. Sponsors, Peter Zimmerman and wife Catharine; Catharina, bap. April 14, 1804. (Jacob's church records.)

Michael Zerbe, wf., Mary Bretz; c.: Michael, Samuel and Eli. Michael lived and died at Port Carbon, Schuylkill County, where he followed the occupation of carpenter, contractor and boating. He is buried in the Lutheran cemetery.

John[4] Adam Zerbe, (George[3] Adam); wf., Marie Christina Bretz. C.: one da., d.; Henrietta, b. 1828, d. 1915, m. Anthony Berdanier, master mechanic, Reading Company, Frackville; they had seven children, three sons and four daughters. Elizabeth, da. of John Adam, m. Frank Berdanier. Two sisters m. brothers. Frank Berdanier lived in Mt. Carmel, where he died, and is buried in Port Carbon, as is also his wife, Elizabeth, b. 1830, d., aged 81. One son went to Central America and has not been heard from in twenty years.

(Note—John Adam and Michael Zerbe owned a canal boat known as the "Two Brothers," when the canal ran from Port Carbon, Schuylkill County, to Philadelphia, and were

engaged in the transportation of coal until the shipping point was transferred farther south.)

Jonathan Jackson, son of John Adam, m. Elizabeth Zimmerman. He settled at Schuylkill Haven and had six children, one son, Charles, and several daughters.

Catharine, da. of John Adam, m. Wm. Krebs, d., and lived at Port Carbon. She had three sons and four daughters, and died June 29, 1915, aged 81 years.

Charles A. Zerbe, son of John Adam, b. 1842, in Port Carbon, where his father removed from Pinegrove, where the above children were born. Charles was married three times. First wife, Mary A. Purcell, by whom he had two children, Elizabeth, of Allentown, and William J. Zerbe, b. 1867, former president of the Lieberman Brewing Co., of Allentown; wf. Emma Danner, one da., Elizabeth. Second wife, Emma Kinney; third wife, Mary A. Holder. Charles A. Zerbey was in the Civil War. He enlisted in the 96th regiment, Penna. Vol., but was discharged for disability, when he again enlisted in Co. L, 12th N. Y. Cav., and as Sergeant served for the remainder of the war. He settled in Wilmington, Del. He was railway engineer in Denver, Col., and acted in the same capacity on the Lehigh Valley Railway, Pa., before accepting a position as master mechanic and stationary engineer for the McCullough Iron Company, Wilmington, Del., where he remained twenty-six years, being at present with the Wilmington electric hose and rubber company.

July 2, 1796, George[3] and John[4] Adam Zerbe, were communicants at St. John's Lutheran church, Friedensburg. The building of this church began 1796. A log house was erected there first for the worship of the Lutheran and Reformed people. It was dedicated 1797. The first pastors were itinerants, Emanual Schultz, Hartzell, Shoemaker, and George Minnich (Protocol).

Mary A. Schall, d., da. of Benjamin and Christina Pott (Dreibelbis), said, "her mother told her that the early settlers from the Long Run Valley and in the vicinity of Pottsville and Schuylkill Haven attended this church on horseback, as there were no roads then."

Daniel[6] Zerbe, (Samuel[5], Michael[4], George[3] Adam, John[2] the m., Lorentz[1]), a conductor on the miners' train of the Tamaqua branch of the Reading Railway, has held several different positions with that company.

Jonathan Jackson Zerbe, son of John Adam, was a soldier in the Civil War, Co. H, 173rd Regt. Pa. Vols.

The tombstone of John Adam Zerbe, in the Lutheran cemetery, Port Carbon, beside that of his wife, gives the date of his birth, March 1, 1794; d. May 30, 1873, and says on it: "In war of 1812," Captain Hughes' company.

Michael5 Zerbe, of Port Carbon, Schuylkill County, wf. Mary Bretz. Children: Michael, wf., Polly Bankus, Locust Valley, da. Polly. Samuel L. Zerbe, wf., Lucy Sarva, East Bear Ridge, father, Peter Paul Sarva. Eli Zerbe m. Elizabeth Chester, no children.

Samuel Zerbe; children: Emma, wf. of Henry Resch, Reading; Rose, wf. of Milton Fillmore, Phila.; Peter, twice married; first wf., Mary Lord; second, Kate Featherman; second wf., no c. Children of first wf.: Jacob, Howard, William, Peter, Lizzie, m. Wagner; Lena, m. Robert Ketner, Phila.; son, Howard, in charge of the Reading City water works, was government chemist in Panama.

Daniel Zerbe, railroader, of Port Carbon, Schuylkill County; wf., Annie M. Jones; eight children, all at home. Daniel7 Zerbe, (Samuel6).

Elmira, d., da. of Samuel6, m. Albert Krebs; no children.

Daniel F. Resch, aged thirty-four years, P. & R. railway brakeman, son of Henry Resch and Anna Zerbe, was killed at Reading, October 2, 1914, leaving beside his parents the following brothers and sisters: Archibald, Allentown; Elmira, Henry and Laura, all of Reading, and Mrs. Milton Filmore, of Phila. He lived at 522 N. Tenth St.

GEORGE ZERBE

George[3] Zerbe, (John[2] the m., Lorentz[1]), b. September 3, 1754; d. October 11, 1824; wf., Christina Wenrich; b. October 27, 1757; d. November 18, 1821; is buried at Christ Church (Stouchsburg). Married, June 5, 1781, his wife is buried at Little Tulpehocken cemetery. Their children were: Susanna Catharine, bap. December 10, 1781, Adam

Leiss and Susanna Wenrich, sponsors. Phillip, wf. Susanna; Daniel and George Jr. The latter lived near the North Heidelberg church and was a shoemaker by trade. His brother Daniel lived with him. (Others named below.)

George[3] Zerbe was located four miles north of Womelsdorf, Tulpehocken Township.

George Zerben, Revolutionary War record, Capt. Phillip Filbert's Co., private.—Penna. Archives, 2nd Series, Vol. 6, pp. 321-'22.

Wenrich.—There were three original Wenrichs: Mathias, Balthaser and Francis. The children of Mathias and Christina Wenrich were: John Balthaser, b. May 18, 1726; John, b. July 8, 1727; Mathias, b. May 1, 1729; Esther, b. July 25, 1731; John Thomas, b. September 8, 1734; Conrad, b. February 1, 1737; Mary Magdalena, b. March 8, 1740. (Little Tulpehocken church records.)

The will of John Wenrich (son of Mathias), June 27, 1793, says: "George Zerbe shall have the small place where he lives." (Abstract of Wills, Berks County, Penna. Historical Society Library.)

(From Miscellaneous Docket 2, p. 109, the release is recorded.)

George Zerbe, Jr., one of the sons of Christina Zerbe, daughter of John Wenrich and wf. of George Zerbe, late of Tulpehocken Township, Berks Co., deceased.

Christina, wf. of John Gibson.

Elizabeth Zerbe, intermarried with John[1] Zerbe, (John[3] George, George[2] Peter, Martin[1]), of Manheim Township, Blue Mountains.

John Zerbe; Phillip Zerbe.

Sybilla Zerbe, wf. of Daniel Class; Daniel Zerbe.

They released to the executors of John Wenrich, Phillip Strauss and Paul Groff.

TYRONE AND ALTOONA, PA., ZERBES

Zerbe, John; son, Jonathan, millwright; on completion of his trade, in Reading, Pa., married Catharine Sheafer. Children: William, Jonathan, Phillip, John, Jacob, Daniel, Michael and Elizabeth; b. in Westmoreland County, where he settled. Three of his sons married sisters; Eve, Catharine and Barbara, daughters of Frederick Sheafer, of Berks County, who had two sons and eight daughters. Jonathan Zerbe was the grandfather of Mrs. Samuel Holl, d., Greensburg, Pa., whose husband lives at N. Industry, O.

Zerbe, John (Jonathan) was one of the pioneer merchants, afterward one of the first office men of the Pennsylvania railway, located at Tyrone, Pa. He died 1878.

(Note—John^5 Jonathan^5, were sons of John^4 Zerbe, Jr., of Cumru Twp., Berks County, d. 1796.)

Zerbe, Prof. Farran, was of the faculty of the Philadelphia High School, and president of the Numismatic Association of Pennsylvania. He lived at Tyrone, Altoona and Philadelphia.

(Note—Prof. Farran Zerbe, of Phila., was in charge of the coin exhibit at the Panama Exposition, San Francisco, Cal., 1915.)

Zerbe, John—A daughter, Mrs. Mary A. Storm, Tyrone. This line are Catholics, Jonathan^1 having been raised in the McManus family (Catholics), of Reading, Pa.

(Note—Members of the above line were written to for information regarding their descent, but failed to respond.)

READING, PENNA. ZERBES

The majority of the Zerbes who reside in the city of Reading, are direct descendants of John the second miller, who lived where Krick's Mills P. O., Berks County, is now located. Many of this line lived around Rehersburg and are buried in the cemetery near that place.

John and Barbara Zerbe are buried in the Lutheran cemetery, between Rehersburg and Millersburg. They had four children:

Percival, William, Reuben and Miranda.

Percival Zerbe (John), b. 1834; wf. Sarah Clemens, both buried at Millersburg, Berks County; c.: William, Miranda and Reuben, the two former deceased and buried in the Charles Evans cemetery. William met with an accident from the effects of which he died, aged 54 years. His son is Claude G. Zerbe, 536 Weiser Street; wf. Linda, one son, John. Claude Zerbe is in the ice business.

Morris W. Scharff, b. June 15, 1857; wf. Amanda L., da. of Phillip and Maria Zerbe Pieffer; m., 1878; live in Stouchsburg. He is an elder of Christ Church and a direct descend-

ant of Conrad and Antonius Scharf, who came to Host's with the thirty-three families, 1723. The Scharfs were intermarried with the early Zerbes.

Henry W. Zerbe, b. February 21, 1846, in Tulpehocken Township; m. Sarah Ann, da. of John and Maria Wertman, b. Forrer, b. April 30, 1847. His second wf., Amelia E. Zerbe. Children of Henry, first wf., Mary Matilda, b. October 3, 1877; Francis Howard, b. May 5, 1890, bap. July 6; Bernville, mail carrier, rural delivery, from Bernville to Cross Keys.

Calvin Zerbe, Robesonia, (grandfather, Benneville, brother of Jared Zerbe and Mrs. Mary Feeg); wf., Kate Leiss. Mary Leiss, a sister, is married to an Adam Zerbe, of Tulpehocken.

Zerbe, Daniel, 631 Gordon Street, Reading. A son lives in Pottsville, Pa., manager of the Peoples Investment Company.

John[5] Zerbe, wf., Martha Keller, da. of John and Catherine Gruber Keller, was of the John[4] the second miller line, Heidelberg Township; (John[4], Christian[3], John[2] the m., Lorentz[1]), b. June 20, 1799; is buried in Little Tulpehocken church cemetery. Wf. Martha, d., in Penn Township, 1871. Their children were:

Elias, b. August 4, 1822, d. March 25, 1906; Rebecca, m. John Wagner, both d.; Catharine, m. Jeremiah Oaks, both d.; Wm. K., b. November 12, 1837, lives in Reading, single; Sarah, m. Jonathan Frymoyer, d., she lives in Reading; Jonathan, m. Clara Moll, d.; a daughter, Henrietta, d. November 27, 1829.

Elias (John) came to Reading, 1870, d. March 25, 1906; wf., Mary Ann Moyer, daughter of George and Catharine Gerber Moyer, both d., buried in Charles Evans cemetery. Children: two daughters, deceased; Levi M., b. December 3, 1853; James M., b. September 27, 1855; Harrison, b. January 9, 1859; George McClellan, b. January 25, 1864. Levi M., son of Elias Zerbe, m. Amelia A. Werner, May 15, 1875; three children; live at Reading.

Urias Zerbe, son of John, b. February 16, 1834, d. January 6, 1907; m. Lavina Snyder; c.: William A., John, James, Irwin, Frank, Missouri, Maria, Amanda. Urias and wife are buried in Charles Evans cemetery. William A., son of Urias, m. Missouri DeLong, October 8, 1887; has seven children.

William Zerbe, Sr., and William, Jr., are both members of the Schuylkill Fire Company No. 12. The latter is in the milk business.

Henry B. Rowe came to Reading, 1847. He married Elizabeth Zerbe, b. 1844, March 24. They had two sons, William and Joseph. William, deceased, was Mayor of Reading. Joseph Z. Rowe m. Sarah Leyenburger, of Newark, N. J.; they had seven children.

(Note—It is believed that all of the Zerbe name in Reading can find their ancestry in the records, in these pages, if not individually specified.)

UNCLASSIFIED ZERBES

In searching the records of the Zerbes in the West and South, but one has been found whose ancestry cannot be traced to the early generations of Pennsylvania and Virginia, although there are hundreds of the family name in Tennessee, Iowa, Ohio, Kansas and Missouri.

Zerbe, F. H., Secretary of the Erie County, Ohio, Agricultural Society, Sandusky, O., son of Andrew Zerbe, b. 1836, in the Duchy of Nassau.

Zerbe, John, b. 1847. President of the Penna. & Ohio Coal and Iron Company. Brother, b. 1849, prominent family of Cleveland, O.

Zerbe, John K., b. November 1, 1838, in Pinegrove Township, Schuylkill County, Pa., of Sulphur Springs, O. A sister m. John Minnich.

Zerbee, Frank, brother Jonathan, Bellefontaine, O. The former, master mechanic for the "Big Four" Railway companies.

Zerbe, Emanuel, Steelton, Pa., brother Cyrus and a daughter of Cyrus, Mrs. E. M. Stoner, Middletown, Pa.

Zerby, A. B., of 7525 Ardmore St., Swissvale, East Pittsburg, Pa., is a grandson of Cyrus Zerbe, d., of Lykens, Pa. Mr. Zerby is connected with the Westinghouse Department of Publicity representing the Westinghouse interests in the United States and Canada.

Zerbe, Jerome B., coal dealer and politician; Dayton, Ohio.

Zerbe, Harry, railroader, Schuylkill Haven, Pa.

Serwe, William and son, hotelkeeper, Fon du Lac, Wisconsin.

Serfas, Lewis, farmer, Sawyer, Kewaunee Co., Wis.

Zerbe, John, East Germantown, Ind.; das., Mrs. Eliza Winters, Richmond, Ind., and Mrs. Mary Ensley, Muncie, Ind.

Zerbe, H. T., Toledo, Ohio.

Zerbe, John, lived at Christ Church, Stouchsburg, Berks County, about 1870. He had a son John and a number of daughters and was a school teacher. They went West.

Zerbe, Jonathan and William, brothers; live at Meyerstown and Sheridan.

Zerbe, William C., Fredericksburg, Pa., cigar dealer.

Zerbe, Isaac, m. Emma Stambaugh, Meyerstown, Berks County.

Zerbe, Harrison, Avon, Pa.

Zerby, Mrs. Agnes Stewart, widow of Prof. James G. Zerby, of Clearfield County, Pa., keeps a private school for girls in Germantown, Philadelphia. Husband, former school teacher and insurance agent.

Zerbe, R. F., grocer, Phillipsburg, (see Lycoming and Clearfield Zerbes.)

E. E. Zerby, of Steelton, Pa., a railroader on the Pennsylvania Railway, and secretary of the Odd Fellows' Lodge at that place, is married and has several children. The following is his line: (Emanuel^{7} W., Henry^{6}, Samuel^{5}, John^{4}, John^{3}, John^{2} the m., Lorentz^{1})

Samuel^{5} Zerbe, of Cumru Township, was in the War of 1812, and John^{3} Zerbe, of the same line, was in the War of the Revolution.

John^{5} Zerbe, b. 1794, (John^{4}, John^{3}, John^{2} the m., Lorentz^{1}), located in Blair County, Pa., from Berks County. He added an "e" to his name, spelling it "Zerbee." He died 1880.

Zerbee, Frank J., master mechanic, "Big Four" Railway, Bellefontaine, O., is of this branch, and J. Zerbee, Chestnut Springs, Cambria County, Pa.; Augustus C., Roanoke, Va.; Mrs. Celestine McMullen, Altoona; Mrs. Wm. Garstang, Indianapolis, Ind., whose husband is superintendent of motive power and machinery of the "Big Four." Their son, Dr. Reginald Garstang, prominent in medical circles in Indianapolis, was killed from the effects of a blow received over the left eye while turning the crank of his automobile. The force of the impact resulted in hemorrhagic meningitis, from which he died. He was a surgeon in the Spanish American War, and a captain in the 159th Indiana Regiment, mobilized at Jacksonville, Fla. He left a widow and two children.

Zerbee, F. J.^{7}, (John^{6}, John^{5}, John^{4}, John^{3}, John^{2} the m., Lorentz^{1}). John^{6} married —— McGuire; his direct ancestor, John^{3} was in the War of the Revolution. John^{5} has no record in the archives as having been in the War of 1812 (at the

age of 18), but his brothers, Samuel and Joseph, are so recorded.

John[5] Zerbe, his father dying when the children were small, he was raised in the McManus (Seyfert and McManus, iron masters) family, of Reading, who were Roman Catholics, and he became a Catholic.

JACOB ZERBES, FIRST GENERATION

Jacob Serber, Sr., and Jacob Serber, Jr., as they are known on the ship lists, sailed from Rotterdam, August 27, 1733, Ship Elizabeth. They are given on another list (Colonial Archives) as Jacob "Soerver," aged 56; wf., Fronegh, (Euphrosina), 54; Jacob, Jr., or John Jacob 26; Barbara, 23, and Rudolph, 21 years of age. Jacob Server, Sr., b. 1677, is supposed to have been one of the eight sons of John Sevier, of Alsace, France. The mingling together of the families, the repetition of the family names among their children and their acting as sponsors for the children of each other at baptisms leads to this conclusion.

(Note—Penna. Archives, 2d Series, Vol. 17, Ship Lists.)

LOCATION OF LAND OF EARLY SETTLERS

(See map elsewhere in this issue.)

John Servy warrant, April 22, 1736.

Albrecht Strouze warrant, October 7, 1736. 1737 he took up a tract about 1½ miles north of Bernville, in Penn Township, and here the old Strouze homestead is located.

Martin Schell warrant, June 6, 1737.

Mathias Wagner warrant, April 22, 1736. He soon sold this tract to Jacob Server, aforementioned.

Simon Schermann warrant, April 25, 1737.
John Knoll warrant, October 14, 1736.
Jacob Hubler warrant, August 10, 1737.
John Riegel warrant, February 27, 1735.
Wolfgang Miller warrant, October 31, 1735.
The survey, 1737, shows a creek known as "Serby's branch."

John Dorum lived on it at an early date, not warranted. Jacob Dundore owner about 1745.

Albert Klotz warrant, April 1, 1737, adjoins Jacob Serban.

Jacob Server began to occupy the Mathias Wagner warrant of April 22, 1736, during the Fall of 1736; has been much cut up and no original homestead remains on it. John D. Sunday owns the northern end, about two-thirds, of it.

HOST'S CHURCH

In 1754 John Riegel gave two acres and George Kantner gave two acres. These four acres were given to Meyer and Valentine Unruh as trustees and were the first landed property of the congregation.

Krick's Mill P. O., since removed.

Original homestead on the Mathias Wagner warrant of January 12, 1737.

Original homestead on the Martin Stuep warrant of April 20, 1737. Here Christian Gruber later lived.

Marriages—April 29, 1735, John Mattheis Wagner and Elisabeth Stuep, Tulpehocken; December 28, 1741, Martin Stuep and Anna Susanna Wallbort, Tulpehocken; June 4, 1744, John Zerbe and Catharine Stuep; January 26, 1742, Christian Gruber and Anna Kueningunde Stuep, Tulpehocken April 15, 1745, John Frederich Stuep and Anna Barbara Karcher, Tulpehocken. These five were children of Martin Stuep, who arrived in 1723.

Survey dated January 18, 1738.

Surveyed on June 13, 1737, to Martin Stuep.

Patented on July 8, 1761, to Christian Gruber.

Original homesteads of George Goodman; John Conder, later his son, Geo. Kantner; Hans George Tabler; John Heverling; Jacob Wilhelm; Valentine Unruh; Andreas Aulenbach; Little Tulpehocken Church.

The author is indebted to John H. Sunday, of the office of the U. S. Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., for the description of the original warrants. He is a son of John D. Sunday, who lives on and owns part of the original John Zerbe, the miller (Lorentzl) tract.

THE JACOB ZERBES

Jacob Soerver, Jr., m. Anna Elizabeth Spiese, da. of Ulrich Spiese, Atolhoe, October 8, 1754, (Stoever's Records), and went early to Westmoreland County. Their sons were Josiah, Isaac, Hiram, Jacob, Samuel and John, and several daughters.

John[3] Zerbe, (Jacob[2], Jacob[1]); wf., ——; children: John, Jonathan, Jacob, b. 1801; Mary, Elizabeth and Margaret. John came to Stark County, Ohio, 1810, from Westmoreland

County, Pa.; Margaret Zerbe, da. of Jonathan, married Lewis Kountze, parents of the Kountze Bros., bankers, who run a chain of banks from New York to Omaha, Neb. They built a church in memory of their parents at Osnaburg, five miles from Canton, Ohio. John Zerbe died in Winchester, Tenn., May 1, 1887.

Jacob^4 Zerbe, (John^3, Jacob^2, Jacob^1), b. 1801, Westmoreland County, Pa. Sons, Samuel, b. April 13, 1839, d. August 31, 1909; Hiram, d., widow, Catharine C. Zerbe, 139 E. Lake Street, Canton, Ohio; Jacob, d., widow, Mary E., 1307 W. 7th Street; John and Josiah; four daughters deceased, and Matilda, Leonard and Emmeline Ringle, all of Canton, Ohio.

Samuel Zerbe (Jacob^4); wf., Salina; sons, Howard A., Richard A., Harry L., Webster J., Canton, O.; Irwin A., Alliance, O.; daughters, Mrs. Henry Mock, Mrs. Edward Werner, Sarah Zerbe, Canton, Ohio.

Jacob^2 Soerver, who removed to Westmoreland County, continued to spell his name as above, which anglicized became "Sarvar." His sons, John and Jonathan, came to Canton, Ohio. John^5 (John^4, John^3, Jacob^2, Jacob^1), was superintendent of the Canton, O., High School. Jonathan^4, brother of John^4, was the father-in-law of Lewis Kountz, of Osnaburg, O., and the g. g. f. of Howard Zerbe, of Canton, O.

(Note—Sarvarsville, Westmoreland County, Pa., was named for Jacob Sarvar, where there are many of that name.)

There was a John Jacob Zerbe, b. in Berks County, bap. August 14, 1793. There is little known of this man. He is supposed to be the Jacob Zerbe who settled in Montgomery County, took up land and of whom and his descendants frequent mention is made in the transfer of lands in the Montgomery County court house records. This Jacob took the oath of allegiance.

Jean Jacques Serieux, who came from Alsace, France, at the age of twenty-nine years, on the ship Patience, from Rotterdam, 1753, afterward known as John Jacob Zerbe, settled in New Jersey, where he lived for several years when he took up a tract of land about five miles from Womelsdorf. He is supposed to have been the Jacob who lived above the Schaffner tract, above where the school house now stands

and on the site of which or near it is a tavern, part of which tract was originally owned by George Peter Zerbe and later by the Schaffners.

(Note—Joel Zerbe, a descendant, of Ohio, says: "His great grandfather Jacob came from Alsace, France, to New Jersey and afterward settled near Womelsdorf, where he died.")

Jacob[1] Zerbe, (Jean Jacques Sevier), had several sons (tradition says), one of whom was Jacob[2], who lived on the above described tract of land and who had a son Phillip[3]. (This Jacob immigrated with his son Daniel to Kansas.)

Phillip[3] Zerbe, (Jacob[2], Jacob[1]); b. February 14, 1793; d. July 17, 1872; wf., Rosina Lamb, b. April 3, 1797, d. April 21, 1864. They baptized twelve children from 1816 to 1836. (Christ church records, Stouchsburg, Berks Co.):

December 4, 1816, Benneville; July 29, 1818, Wilhelm; January 15, 1820, Ephraim; 1821, Joel; July 13, 1822, Edward; January 23, 1825, Priscilla; 1827, Anna Maria; December 26, 1828, Elizabeth; January 27, 1831, Anna Margaretta; 1832, Benjamin; 1836, Jared.

They are variously accredited with having had others. One authority says sixteen, another twenty-one; but no baptismal record of this additional number has been found. He may have had two twins. There was a Phillip married Barbara Witman.

Zerbe, Daniel. Wf., Catharine Adee; settled in Kansas; c.: Elvina, wf. of John Gettler, three children: William, m. Zoriah Kauffman, five children; Reuben, m. Louisa Bohn, two children. Daniel is said to have been a brother of Phillip and son of Jacob, but his birth is not on record.

Zerbe, Rebecca, wf. of Richard Anderson, two children; is probably a sister of this man, or she may have been Rebecca Elizabeth, b. December 26, 1828.

Zerbe, Benneville; wf., Elizabeth Wenrich; children: Ellen, Matilda, Henry.

Zerbe, Wilhelm; wf., Rebecca Witman.

Zerbe, Ephraim; went to Indiana, d., unmarried.

Joel Zerbe, b. in Womelsdorf; bap. Christ church; removed to Pinegrove, Pa., and from thence to Delaware, Ohio, 1856. He married Annie LeVan, of Phila., whose grandfather was an officer in the War of the Revolution. She died, December 25, 1901, in Cleveland, O. Joel Zerbe died Tiffin, O., 1899. They are survived by five sons.

Zerbe, Edward; wf., Caroline Lutz; c.: Henry, wf. Amelia; two da's.; Monroe, wf., Elmira Gehret; four children, son Edward.

Zerbe, Priscilla; b. January 23, 1825, (perhaps one of twins.)

Zerbe, Anna Maria. Mary, wf. of Joseph Feeg, of Robesonia. They had ten children, one of them, William Feeg, operator in an underwear factory, has a family.

Zerbe, Elizabeth.

Zerbe, Anna Margaretha.

Zerbe, Benjamin. First wife, Anna Slough; second, Tacy Slough; removed to Delaware, Ohio; c.: Thomas C., Emma, Edward L., and Clifford.

Zerbe, Jared. First wf., Rebecca Rothermel; Mary Heydt, second wf.; c.: George and others; Annie, wf. of Nathaniel Zerbe; they have two daughters; Lizzie, wf. of Jacob Krill, who has seven children, one da., single.

Zerbe, Matilda. The name of this woman was probably Priscilla Matilda, the date of her birth being synonymous with that of the former; b. January 23, 1825; d. August 11, 1884; wf. of David Himmelberger; c.: Sarah, wf. of Jacob Rothermel; Adam, wf., Mary Troutman, and nine other children of Sarah and Jacob Rothermel.

Zerbe, Henry; wf., Sarah Wertman; c.: Calvin, wf., Kate Leiss, lives at Robesonia; Calvin, Mary, wife of George Zerbe, son of Jared; c.: Miles, Minnie, Sarah, Elvin, Lester, Laura.

Zerbe, Ellen; wf. of John Wertman; c.: William, John, Mary, Matilda, Annie. William, wf., Ada Sprecher; c.: Ruth, Henry, John, wf., Alice Fout.

Zerbe, Matilda; wf. of Henry Weaver.

CHILDREN OF JOEL ZERBE

Joel[4] Zerbe, (Phillip,[3] Jacob[2], Jacob[1]); b., 1821; d., 1899; wf., Annie Le Van. Their children were:

Zerbe, Alvin S.; married, no children; lives at Cleveland, O. Teacher of languages, Central Theological Seminary, Dayton, O.; of the faculty of Heidelberg University, Tiffin, O., and for some years of the faculty of Ursinus College, near Phila.

Zerbe, John S.; wf., Elizabeth Bailey; their children were: Margaret M., Arthur J., Laura A., Edgar L., Grace P., Hortense. Oakland, Cal.

John S. Zerbe, formerly of 115 Broadway, New York, of the firm of J. S. Zerbe & Son, mechanical and electrical engineers and patent experts, now of Oakland, Cal., where they are engaged in a similar business. The above named son, Arthur, married Stella M. Smith. He is experimenting with his own aeroplane and has made several aerial flights, of which

and his methods the "Scientific American" has several times made favorable mention.

Zerbe, Edgar L.; wf., Emma Boland, represents the New York Book Co., 147 Fourth Ave., New York City.

Zerbe, Frances E.; wf. ——, Marion, O.; son Alvin, m.; two children; Fremont, Ohio.

Zerbe, Richard L.; wf., Letitia Bailey; four children; Cincinnati, O.

John S. Zerbe is the author of a series of books for boys, known as the "How To Do It" books, embracing every principle employed in the handling of tools and the laying out of the work in carpentry, electricity and mechanics. Mr. Zerbe has had a wide range of experience in these lines and treats his subjects from a practical standpoint and with profuse illustrations.

PHILLIP ZERBE A SINGER

James Zerbe, of Palmyra, d., seventy-six years of age, a grandson of John Zerbe, who married Susanna Gruber, relates that when a boy of twelve years of age he went with the other members of his grandfather's and father Daniel's family to Host's church on an Easter Sunday. The church, now Reformed, was then worshipped in by both the Lutheran and Reformed congregations alternately. Phillip Zerbe was a great singer and had for years occupied the position of precentor and started the hymns and chorals for the Lutherans. He was at this time long past sixty, but still loved to sing. A choir had, however, been formed in the church and Phillip no longer led the singing On this occasion the church was packed to the doors and the choir had several new tunes in readiness for the "Fest Tag."

The organ started and the choir piped up and essayed twice to sing the new tune, but broke down, the organ squeaked and then all was silent.

Old Phillip Zerbe, who occupied a pew with the old men in the front of the church, arose and after a little hesitation

SITE OF JOHN ZERBE'S ORIGINAL MILL, BUILT PRIOR TO 1743; DESTROYED BY FIRE.

took his old note book, with its square and oblong four notes then in use instead of the present octave of round and stemmed ones, and extracting his tuning fork from his black satin vest pocket took the pitch and in his high quavering nasal voice sang the new tune through to the end of the hymn with such assistance as the frightened members of the choir and congregation could give him. This feat for a man of nearly seventy years was the talk of the countryside for weeks.

DESCENDANTS OF PHILLIP ZERBE, OF HETZEL'S, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, BERKS (NOW SCHUYLKILL COUNTY)

Phillip[1] Zerbe came to this side of the Blue Mountain, Pinegrove Township, Berks County, about 1760. His early history is largely conjectural, but he is supposed to have been a son of Lorentz Zerbe and born in Heidelberg Township about 1717, or perhaps earlier. The first record we have of him is when he and his brother, John Zerbe the miller, petitioned for a new county to be erected from Lancaster County, 1738. (Penna. Archives.)

Phillip "Serwin" surveyed (40) forty acres of land in Heidelberg Township, October 2, 1751; returned September 18, 1772, (Berks County court house). This was the same Phillip that petitioned for a new county. There is no record of his first marriage which must have occurred about 1738. Daniel Rupp's history of Berks County gives him as an early member of Christ's Church (Stouchsburg). He is said to have had twelve children with his first wife, but of these only four have been located: Phillip[2], of Hetzel's; Jonathan, Benjamin and John, b. 1750, who married Barbara Witman, November 2, 1773. (Christ Church records). Phillip[1] Zerbe is also noted on the same records as having married Susanna —— February 26, 1782, his second wife.

(Note—Phillip Zerbe on list of taxables, Berks County, 1754.)

Of these four sons, Phillip[2] and Jonathan[2] settled in Pinegrove Township. John[2] is supposed to have remained in Rehersburg, Berks County, and Benjamin[2] is probably the man of that name who went West.

(Note—Mrs. Lucetta Bretz, eighty-three years of age, remembers that her grandfather, Phillip[2], had a brother Benjamin, who went West.)

There were four Zerbes north of the Blue Mountain, from 1754 to 1760; John the miller had taken up a tract of a thousand acres of land, which he sold to his sons, Benjamin, Daniel and John Jr.; and Phillip, his brother, and Jonathan, his son, of Cumru, both came later than the former. John the miller never lived here, nor is it positively known if John Jr. ever did. Jonathan, of Cumru, was the progenitor of the Centre County line.

(Note—The Phillip and Daniel Zerbe, first cousins, who went overland from Berks County, about 1785, and settled near Shamokin Dam, (Delmatia), Northumberland County, were sons of Daniel and Benjamin Zerbe, of the Blue Mountain Hollow, Pine Grove Township.)

March 9, 1749, Adam Klinger, deeded to Phillip Zerbe by original warrant (Deed Book, 12-22) a tract of land. John Klinger died 1768 and Adam asked for a partition. There were two tracts, one of one hundred acres and the other of forty acres, both in Heidelberg Township. George Forrer bought sixty-five acres of this land at the appraisement. It is not clear how many acres were in the Zerbe tract. It says in the deed, "being part of a larger tract of 89¾ acres and allowances as granted to the said Phillip "Zerby."

Phillip Zerbe settled in the "Blue Mountain Hollow," about four miles east of Pinegrove, 1760, on a tract of land now owned by Benjamin Loy. This land adjoins that after-

ward purchased from the state to erect upon it Hetzel's church. He died 1790. His son, Phillip[2], bought the property, December 16, 1790, for the sum of fifty-five pounds in gold.

(Translated from "Der Readinger Zeitung" of September 1, 1790:

NOTICE—Pursuant to an order of Sale from the Orphans' Court of Berks County, there will be offered at public vendue on Saturday, the 18th of September, at the public house of Gottfried Roehrer, Tulpehocken Township, Berks County, a certain plantation and tract of land situated in Pine Grove Township, in said county, containing 80 acres, together with the usual allowances; lately the property of Philip Zerbe, deceased.

For more particular information inquire of

SUSANNA ZERBE, Administratrix.
ADAM KALBACH, Administrator.

August 16, 1790.

DESCENDANTS OF PHILLIP[2] ZERBE

Phillip[2] Zerbe, (Phillip[1]) who bought and lived on the old homestead adjoining Hetzel's church, was born October 23, 1765, d. October 13, 1831. He married Christina Boyer, da. of Assumas Boyer, Jr., and wf. —— Nagle. Christina was a granddaughter of Heinrich Boyer and Elizabeth Marie Zerbe (Martin[1]) Boyer, of Tulpehocken. Phillip[2] Zerbe and John Lingle were granted a warrant for a tract of land from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, May 8, 1798, called "Good Intent," for twelve shillings and six pence, to be held in trust for the Lutheran congregation and upon which tract was built Hetzel's church. Phillip lived upon the place until his death, 1831. Christina survived him about ten years, living with her daughter Christina, wf. of John Zerbe, who lived on the old Assumas Boyer homestead, about four miles northeast of Pinegrove. The children of Phillip[2] and Christina Zerbe were:

Phillip[3] Zerbe; wf. Elizabeth ——. They owned a farm near the old homestead of his father and grandfather.

John, b. April 17, 1795; d. April 15, 1863; wf., Magdalena ——. Both buried at Denver, Indiana.

Philopena, b. May 5, 1796; d. April 8, 1870; buried at Hetzel's church. She was unmarried and lived with her sister, Christina Zerbe.

Catharine, married Adam Stahl, of Suedburg, who was the father of John and George Stahl of the same place.

Daniel, b. December 1, 1799; d. February 17, 1874; first wf., Catharine Swartz; second wf., Catharine Bretzious, widow. He lived on a farm four miles northeast of Pinegrove at the upper end of the Union Canal dam. He was a sawyer and at his saw mill prepared lumber for the building of boats for the Schuylkill Canal and furnished ties for the first railroad built to Pine Grove.

Christina, b. July 10, 1801; d. January 25, 1885; married John Zerbe, a native of Westmoreland County, and a son of Emanuel and Barbara Zerbe, of Rehrersburg, Berks County. They lived four miles northeast of Pine Grove, on the old Assumas Boyer's homestead, and had one daughter, Lucetta, who married George Bretz. Their children were: Mary, Edward and Lucetta.

Phillip[3] Zerbe, wf. Elizabeth, owned and lived on a farm near the old homestead of Phillip[1] and Phillip[2]. Children:

Jonathan, b. in Washington Township, Schuylkill County, December 31, 1819, and died at his home in Cedar County, Iowa, February 25, 1903. He was married to Catharine Emerich, June 15, 1846, and on the day of their marriage they set out for Ohio. A Mechanicsville, Cedar County, newspaper man, says: "He came to Iowa in the Spring of 1865 and resided in that county since." He had thirteen children, four boys, Henry, Jacob, Jonathan and Solomon, and nine girls, all of whom are living. He had ninety-six grandchildren and forty-one great grandchildren, making a total of one hundred and fifty direct descendants. He was eighty-three years of age.

John, (Phillip[3]); b. Jan. 11, 1821; d. Dec. 23, 1884; married Maria Honnecker; lived about three miles east of Pine Grove. He was a veteran of the Civil War. He was noted as the best shot at the old shooting matches. He had children: Caroline, 1845; Mary Ann, 1850; Emanuel, 1852; Rebecca, 1857; Elizabeth, 1859; John, 1861; George, 1863; Reuben and William (twins), 1874.

Jacob, b. February 1, 1823; m. Catharine Klick. They had one son, William, b. March 25, 1849. Sudden death, June 24, 1861.

Joseph, b. September 12, 1825; d. July 17, 1895; m. Katharine Loose; they lived on a farm three miles east of Pine Grove; was a plasterer by trade; had children, Lewis, Percival, 1854; Joseph Jr., 1855, and Frank.

Leah, b. October 31, 1828; d. February 13, 1912; m. Daniel Herring; no children.

Benneville, b. September 19, 1830; d. March 7, 1877; m. Amanda Royer; had one daughter, Emma.

Kate, m. —— Sherman.

Reuben; b. July 27, 1837; m. Amanda Krick; he lives one mile east of Pine Grove; is a plasterer by trade. His children are: Harry, an engineer, of Allentown, and Mrs. Wash Zimmerman; Mrs. Harry Shollenberger, and Mrs. William Schwartz, all of Pine Grove.

Levi, b. November 11, 1842; unmarried.

CHILDREN OF PHILLIP[2] (PHILLIP[1])

John Zerbe (Phillip[2], Phillip[1]), b. April 17, 1795; d. April 15, 1863; wf., Magdalena. Both died at Denver, Indiana, and are buried there. They lived on a farm three miles east of Pine Grove, but moved to Indiana before the Civil War. Their children are:

Jonathan, b. February 17, 1817; moved to Indiana with his parents and removed to Mechanicsville, Iowa. Had no children.

John, b. October 20, 1820; went West with his parents settling in Cedar County, Iowa, where they had the following children: Andrew J., Bigelow, Kan.; Carolina, Mason, Lewis and Mrs. Emanuel Roberts, all of South Omaha, Nebraska.

Rosina, b. December 12, 1823; m. Jacob Zerbe, son of Peter and Elizabeth, a born Zerbe, of Newtown, Schuylkill County; moved to Argos, Indiana. Children: Mrs. Eliza Rogers, Jacob Zerbe, of Argos, and George, Emanuel, Rosa Ann, Mrs. Susan Kerns and Peter Zerbe, all settled in Indiana.

Katrina, b. May 17, 1825; m. —— Hertzog; moved West; children: Mary, John, George, Michael, Jackson, Frank. Walter S. Hertzog, of Glendale, Los Angeles County, Cal., is a descendant.

Samuel, b. April 30, 1827; wf. —— Wolf; moved to Mechanicsville, Cedar County, Iowa; children: Samuel A., St. Cloud, Minn.; John G., Mrs. Charles Esternacht, Mrs. Dr. Russell and Mrs. Sarah Macker, all of Mechanicsville, Iowa.

Michael, b. November 8, 1828; unmarried; lives at Mechanicsville, Ia.

Frank, son of a second marriage; lives in the West.

The children of George W. Zerbe (Jacob and Rosina), of Argos, Ind., were: Bessie, Ruby, Bernice. He is an oculist and jeweler.

The children of Mrs. Eliza, wf. of Eli Rogers, were: Rev. Frank T. Rogers, Harry, Clayton, Artella, Harley and Tessie.

DESCENDANTS OF DANIEL[3] ZERBE, (PHILLIP[2], PHILLIP[1])

Daniel[4] Zerbe, Jr.; b. August 1, 1824; d. January 9, 1882; was a great grandson of Phillip[1] Zerbe, of Hetzel's; first wf., Maria Esther Gebert. They had four children: William L., b. 1845; Ellen, 1848, married Frank Lutz; Mary Ann, 1850, married William Klopp; one d. in infancy. Second wf., Bar-

bara Krick, children: Henry, Alice, Daniel O., Lewis, Clara and Ida. Daniel Zerbe, Jr., lived near his father's place at the Union Canal dam, where he kept a hotel, three miles northeast of Pine Grove, where he entertained many Pottsville fishing parties to the "Big Dam."

Levi, b. February 20, 1826; d. young.

Jared, b. April 20, 1828; wf., —— Lehman; lived north of Pine Grove. They had eighteen children.

Louisa, b. December 19, 1830; m. Benneville Hummel. They were the parents of Hon. Edward Hummel, member of the Legislature, of Pine Grove.

Edward, b. June 2, 1832; lived a bachelor for eighty years on the old homestead of his father's.

Peter, b. March 7, 1847; an only son of second marriage; d. when about 32 years old.

WILLIAM L. ZERBE, OF PINE GROVE

William[5] Lafayette Zerbe, (Daniel[4] Jr., Daniel[3], Phillip[2], Phillip[1]); b. December 18, 1845. He was raised by his grandfather, Daniel Zerbe, Sr., at the "Big Dam." He married Melissa Hehn, of near Friedensburg and settled in Pine Grove, 1874. He was a shoemaker by trade and entered the shoe business, in which he was engaged twenty-five years and became prosperous. He died July 15, 1905, leaving one son, William E. Zerbe.

William[6] E. Zerbe, (William L.); b. February 15, 1868; wf., Lillian May Shelly. He learned the trade of cabinet maker and carpenter, but for twenty-one years has been engaged in the furniture and undertaking business. About nine years ago he added a retail lumber business to his other ventures and has been successful in all of the branches conducted under his management. He is a member of St. John's Lutheran church, the Masonic, Odd Fellows and P. O. S. of A. lodges, and owns considerable property in Pine Grove, his home town. Mr. Zerbe, who is a self educated man and versatile genius, for a time pursued the study of music in his odd moments, he played upon all instruments and made a study of the theory of music, transposing the scores for some

years for the Pine Grove band, of which he was a member. He was an ardent collector of old coins and his knowledge of the eras and values of these coins made of him a numismatist of no small reputation. He also studied up the Zerbe ancestry of the branch to which he belongs, and rendered valuable assistance to the author in the compilation of his line and its connection with others of the same name.

The children of William and Lillian Zerbe are: Charles W., b. January 31, 1889; wf., Emma Lehmy. They have one son, Harry. Charles is engaged in the lumber business with his father.

James M., b. September 7, 1891; wf. Ollie Hoy; one son, Walter; Annie M., b. March 16, 1902, at home; John S., b. March 16, 1902; d. May 14, 1913. James is associated with his father in the undertaking business.

JONATHAN ZERBE (PHILLIP[1])

Jonathan[2] Zerbe, (Phillip[1]); wf., Magdalena Deppen. They lived on their own farm, about four miles northeast of Pine Grove, now owned by the Jacob Ulmer estate, of Pottsville, Pa. He later removed to Tremont, when that town had only several houses and kept a hotel. He also owned large tracts of coal lands in the West End. He was b. November 16, 1769, and was buried at Hetzel's church, November 22, 1846. Rev. John Gring, of Lebanon, preached his funeral sermon, (Gring's records). They had the following children:

Jonathan[3], b. March 12, 1795; d. May 21, 1849; wf., Rosina Gebert. He lived near his father's place and is buried at Clouser's church, east of Llewellyn. Children: Katrina, b. May 10, 1827; Solomon, b. April 20, 1835; lived in the Hegins Valley. One of his sons lives in Tremont.

John[3] D., (Jonathan[2]), b. March 17, 1798; d. March 9, 1890, aged 91 years, 11 months, 22 days; wf., Barbara Schroppe. They lived at Water Tank, one mile west of Silverton, between Tremont and Llewellyn. (This man made many early visits on horseback to the Centre County Zerbes.)

He is buried at Clouser's Church. Their chilren were: John Jr., lived at same place, b. 1822, railroader; his widow and son Frank live on the homestead. Other children were:

Israel and William, d.; Mrs. Mary Gehres, d., of Port Carbon; Mrs. Sarah Bernhardt, Mrs. Sarah Ruch, Mrs. Lena Walker, Phila., and Mrs. Charles Gable, eighty-eight years of age, who lives with her son Henry, in Hegins Township, on the main road, near Valley View. She was married, 1847, and had nine children: Sarah, wf. of Noah Geist, Weishample; Charles, Ashland; William, d., Phila.; Ellen, wf. of Frank Yoder; Daniel and Henry, Hegins; Katharine, wf. of Elias Buffington, Ashland; Emma, wf. of Marcus Herb, Mt. Carmel, and Mary, wf. of Charles Miller, of Valley View, Hegins Township.

(Note—Mrs. Gable contributed an interesting reminiscence on another page, and Mrs. Miller furnished information. Mrs. Gable has 39 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren, and one great, great grandchild living.)

Elizabeth[3], (Jonathan[2]); b. 1794; d. October 27, 1849. She married Peter Zerbe, of Rehersburg. They settled in Newtown, Zerbe P. O., 1828.

Michael[3], (Jonathan[2]); first wf., Magdalena Bucher; second, Polly Tobias. Their children were: George, Michael and Frank, who settled in Michigan. He had six children with his first wife and one with the second. His da., Mary, married John Zerbe, of Newtown; b., December 10, 1825; d., July 14, 1851; Katrina, b. May 5, 1828; John, b. August 24, 1830.

George Zerbe, (Michael); b. October 5, 1834; wf., Catharine Dewald, Pinegrove. Miss Jennie Zerbe, a recent professional nurse, employed by the King's Daughters of Pottsville, Pa., is a granddaughter of George Zerbe.

Michael Zerbe lived on his father, Jonathan's[3], place, (Ulmer's farm), up to the time of his death, which occurred on a winter night when on coming home from Tremont he lost his bearings and stuck in a snow drift, one hundred yards from his own home and was frozen to death.

Samuel[3], (Jonathan[2], Phillip[1]); b. September 6, 1805; d. September 11, 1872; wf., Susanna Lengle. He was a blacksmith and lived two miles east of Pinegrove. Children:

William, b. about 1830; m. Eliza Kinsell; lived near his father's place; children: William, Kate, Susan, Harriet, Samuel, George, Elias.

Jacob, b. January 7, 1832; m. Rebecca Wenrich; lived near his father's place; children: Franklin, Mrs. Elias Kinsell, Mrs. Ed. Bretz, Mrs. Wm. Kinsell, Isaac. Jacob, and Amos Zerbe, principal of the Tremont schools.

John, b. May 11, 1836; he had two daughters and two sons.

Isaac, b. about 1845; m. Louisa Umbenhower; lives at East Hanover, Lebanon County, Pa. One of his sons is Harry Zerbe, of Cressona, Pa., hotelkeeper.

Anna, b. December 16, 1842; m. George Zuby.

Solomon Zerbe, (son of Jonathan); b. July 12, 1813; d. of smallpox, January 11, 1847; m. Lucinda Boyer; they had one son, George, b. about 1845, who now lives in Lebanon County.

Salome, (Jonathan[2]), wf. of George Daubert, who were the grandpaernts of Charles Daubert, living two miles northeast of Pine Grove.

Amos[5] Walter Zerbe, (Jacob[4]. Samuel[3], Jonathan[2] Phillip[1]); b. August 11, 1878; wf., Lillian Spancake, b. May 5, 1879; m., December 31, 1905; son, Jacob Stuart, b. December 3, 1909. Mr. Zerbe is a school teacher by profession and first taught at Blackwood, Schuylkill Co., from where he went to East Greenville, Montgomery Co., where he was supervising principal of schools. He occupied the same position in Reilly Township, Schuylkill County, and is at present principal of the Tremont High School. He has been successful in his vocation and is looked upon as one of the leading educators of the county.

J. E. Zerbe, of Allentown, formerly of Summit Hill, Schuylkill County, removed to Bloomingdale, near the former place where he bought the White Bear Hotel and a hundred acre farm adjoining it, was a great grandson of Jonathan Zerbe.

(The Zerbes of Ohio, most of their ancestors came from Pinegrove Township, Pa., hold their annual reunion at Piqua, Ohio, August 1.)

PETER ZERBE, OF NEWTOWN, ZERBE P. O.

Peter Zerbe, the head of the Newtown Zerbes, came to that place in 1828, from Rehersburg, Berks County. He was married to Elizabeth[3] Zerbe, (Jonathan[2], Phillip[1]), about 1814, at Hetzel's; several children were born at Rehersburg and were: Jacob, Joseph, John, Peter, Martin and Henry.

Jacob, b. May 26, 1817; wf., Rosina, da. of John Zerbe. They moved to Walnut, Indiana. Children: Elizabeth, Jacob Jr., Peter, George, Emanuel, Rosina and Susan. Peter, son

of Jacob and grandson of Peter, of Newtown, and wife visited this section, 1914. He is sixty-one years of age, having left Newtown with his parents when thirteen years of age. He and his father's family are prospering in Indiana and other Western States.

Joseph, b. July 11, 1819; d. June 2, 1872; unmarried; lived at Newtown.

John, b. October 9, 1822; wf., Maria, da. of Michael Zerbe; lived at Newtown. One son, Roseberry Zerbe, b. 1850, d. 1873.

Peter, b. November 20, 1820; wf. —— Green; lived at Newtown; had two sons and several daughters; sons Aaron and Joseph of that place.

Martin, b. October 21, 1824; he lived at Blackwood, but for many years kept the leading hotel at Newtown. He has several children living at that place, Martin, Frank and Elizabeth; one dead.

Henry, b. January 6, 1827; was killed at a lumber landing, August 20, 1862. His wife was Margaret Kerschner. Henry and Martin together built the hotel. An iron plate, inscribed 1810, which was brought from Rehersburg, was imbedded in the wall. He had one son, Henry.

Henry Zerbe (Henry, Peter); wf., Sarah. They had thirteen children born to them, several deceased; Charles, Newtown; Henry Jr., Donaldson; Monroe, Pinegrove; Lloyd, and Franklin, Newtown; Dora, wf. of Wm. Long; Sarah, wf. of Wm. Gauntlett, both of Pottsville; Annie, wf. of Ralph Klinger, Wiconisco, and Mary, at home; Mrs. Sarah Zerbe, wf. of Henry, d. March 20, 1915.

Henry Zerbe, or "Harry," as he is better known, is a prominent citizen of Newtown. He was postmaster for a number of years, school director and occupied many positions of trust in his home town. He is now engaged in the grocery business, owns some property and is altogether an all around man of affairs. The town was first called Swatara, its proper name, but a little gathering of houses farther down the creek was known by the same name, then it was named Newtown. One day a U. S. post office representative from the general department called on Postmaster Zerbe and inquired as to the early history of the place. He said, "there

are several Newtowns in the state, there is always a confusion. We will name the town Zerbe, after Peter Zerbe, the first settler."

Harry Jr., one of Harry Zerbe's sons, is engaged in the hotel business at Donaldson. A newspaper item says, "Henry Zerbe is improving the water line to his hotel."

Henry[3] has a brother Oliver, who lives at Nicetown; his son is a Presbyterian clergyman at Rochester, N. Y.

Peter Zerbe, head of the Zerbe P. O. families (Newtown), son of Peter Zerbe, of Rehersburg, b. May 12, 1781.

Peter[5] Zerbe, (Peter[4], Johannas[3] and Margaretta, George[2] Peter, Martin[1]), b. 1801.

It will be noted that the Norwegian Township Zerbes are not of the John the miller (Lorentz[1]) line, although they intermarried several times, making their children, as in the case of Peter who married Elizabeth, a born Zerbe, the issue of the two branches.

ZERBE RECORDS, JACOB'S CHURCH

John Zerbe, b. September 27, 1781; d. July 17, 1853; is on record at Jacob's church (1780) as having communed there 1799. A John Zerbe was confirmed there 1810. August 18, 1799, Daniel Zerbe and wf., Anna Maria, bap. a daughter, Maria Catharine; sponsors, Leonard Ried and wf., Anna Maria Zerbe.

February 20, 1803, George Zerbe and wf., Catharine, bap. a da., Anna Catharine; August 28, 1803, Jacob and Catharine Zerbe bap. a daughter, Salome; and another daughter, Cathrine, April 14, 1805. John Zerbe and wf., Elizabeth, doubtless the former, stood sponsors for Margaret Bressler at baptism.

REMINISCENCES OF OLD SETTLER

John Zerbe, b. October 9, 1822, at Rehrersburg, Berks County, lived and died in Newtown, Zerbe P. O., Schuylkill County, January 22, 1905, aged 82 years. He was married to

Mary, daughter of Michael and Magdalena Zerbe, of Pine Grove Township. The following is a brief abstract of a history of his life as written by himself in his later years and duly signed and witnessed.

"My father, Peter Zerbe, of Newtown, after whom Zerbe P. O. is named, took up a tract of land in Schuylkill County, and in 1826-'27, during the summer, with his two eldest sons, Jacob and Peter Jr., came over to make improvements on the place. On September 28th, 1828, we removed from Rehersburg, Berks County, to our new home. I was then six years old and remember well the two four-horse teams that brought us and our belongings to Schuylkill County. The teams belonged to my father's brother, Jacob, and to his cousin, John Zerbe.

"We started at sunrise and reached Pine Grove at noon. where they fed the horses and we had dinner. Three miles further we reached Umbenhauer's tavern, the only house in seven miles, when we came to my grandfather, Michael Zerbe's house (my mother's father), where our parents left me and my smaller brothers, Martin and Henry, while they journeyed on. (This place is now Ellis Minnig's Hotel, Tremont). The next morning my grandmother's maid, Luda Lengel, brought us three little boys four miles east into Norwegian Township, and during that trip we saw only one small shanty, this was a half mile from our place.

My father had a house ready for us, but we put in a hard winter. We had no near neighbors, we saw no people for weeks and even months. We were without school, lodge or church, and shoes and proper clothing were hard to obtain and our house was insufficient to protect us from the severe weather. My father worked hard, at making shingles, in Painter's Swamp, to support his family and while working here dislocated his shoulder and was laid up for weeks through the accident.

"He could not work and as soon as he was able he went

to Berks County for assistance. His relatives came and brought flour, potatoes and other necessaries; meat we did not need as my brothers could always get rabbits, venison and other game, but my mother told our friends she was afraid we would have to move back to Berks County in the Spring.

"My father got better and when the weather opened, my father's cousin, John Zerbe, came again and brought him a plow, two horses, harness and some feed for them, and supplies for us. That summer we got on our feet and it went better. We cleared fifteen acres and planted it all in oats, corn, wheat and rye and potatoes we had in plenty. We worked hard but prospered, as all honest men can do that have the will.

"In a distance of thirteen miles, east, west, north and south, of Llewellyn, to the gap of the Second Mountain and ten miles north and south and two miles east of Pencal Ridge, there were living among the earliest inhabitants, Peter Starr, Michael Zerbe, the Clousers, Flibs, Zimmermans, Hafers, Bretzs, Confairs, Longs, Geberts, J. Zerbe, Housemans, Adams, Werners and Stitsels. These were all settled on the road that leads to Pine Grove, from Llewellyn. Our nearest neighbor was Mrs. John Adams, great grandmother of John Sterner, who now lives on the place, and Umbenhauer's tavern was farther on. These were all the inhabitants when we came here in 1828.—John Zerbe." (Seal)

TALE OF A CATAMOUNT

Mrs. Ellen Zerbe, wf. of Charles Gable, d., eighty-three years old, and grandmother of Oscar Geist, of Gordon, relates the following among many other interesting tales: "We lived in the Blue Mountain Hollow, in Pinegrove Township. My father was Jonathan Zerbe, who reached the age of 97 years and had eight children (referred to elsewhere).

"Wild animals were plentiful in the country around where we lived, and the children were not allowed to roam about in the woods. One night, when my father was away from home, after we had gone to bed we heard the most blood-curdling screams outside, like a woman crying for help and other frightful yells. The boys were for going out and seeing what the noise was about, but were not allowed to, and the smaller children covered their heads with the bed quilts and coverlets.

"In the morning we found the remains of a large deer, his horns in his effort to escape a catamount and perhaps a pack of wolves, had caught in between the bars of our rail fence, he could not get away and he was thus devoured, only parts of his frame and carcass remaining. The cries of a catamount very much resemble those of a woman or child in distress. My father saved the horns and nailed them up in our barn."

(Mrs. Ellen Gable, the above, fell upon the icy porch at the home of her son, Henry Gable, Hegins, February 7, 1915, and fractured her hip. She is 88 years old at this writing.)

INDIAN STORY OF JOHN ZERBE

John Zerbe, son of Phillip[1] by his first wife, came to Pinegrove Township early and took a tract of land and cleared it. This land was afterward taken up by his stepbrother, Jonathan Zerbe (Phillip[1]) and part of it now belongs to the Jacob Ulmer estate, Pottsville, and is known as Ulmer's farm. A thrilling experience is related of this man with the Indians.

After building his log house and planting his field in corn, the Indians from the Swatara Valley, who visited him frequently to beg, borrow and steal, came and made some demands upon him, which he refused. This angered them and they determined to have revenge.

One night he heard a cow bell in the corn field which signified that one of his cows was in the corn. Suspecting that all was not right he took a pail ostensibly to go to the spring for water, the path to which lay through the corn field. He carried his old flintlock musket behind his back and when nearing the sound of the cow bell, threw down the pail, took aim and fired, killing instantly a full blooded Indian. He went to the spring but there were no other Indians in sight. He scooped out a grave in the cornfield and buried the red man near where he fell. That grave can still be seen on the Ulmer farm and also a mound of chips near the spring where the Indians congregated and sat whittling their bows and arrows.

One day John Zerbe and a man named Nagle, father-in-law of Assumas Boyer, went out to hunt. On their return John Zerbe found his wife and children murdered. The massacre was too horrible to relate. One of the girls was terribly mutilated but still living and suffering dreadfully. The half-crazed father seeing she could not live, himself put an end to her misery by completing the work of the Indians and dispatching her.

Overcome with grief, remorse and sorrow at the death of his loved ones, he abandoned everything and returned to Rehersburg, Berks County.

Jonathan Zerbe afterward settled upon the same tract of land.

CENTRE COUNTY ZERBES

There are two different branches of Zerbes in Centre County. One descended from Martin[1] Zerbe and the other from Lorentz[1], brothers, (1710).

Phillip Zerbe, of the latter line, came to Centre County about 1800. He was born in the Blue Mountain Hollow, Pinegrove Township, Berks County, and married Barbara,

da. of John Lingle, of the same locality. He is supposed to have been a son of Jonathan Zerbe, of Cumru Township, brother of John, of Cumru, a miller, who settled on this side of the mountain at an early date. Shortly after their marriage they made a long and tedious journey by wagon to Centre County and located upon a farm between Milheim and Coburn, Penn Township, afterward removing to another tract of land in Gregg Township. He was a linen weaver by trade but supported his family by farming. He was a Democrat in politics as were most of his line.

Phillip[4] Zerbe, b. about 1778, (Jonathan[3], John[2] the m., Lorentz[1]); d. in Gregg Township. Phillip and Barbara Zerbe had the following children:

John, b. September 27, 1804; was blind for some years prior to his death, which occurred in Snow Shoe, Centre County.

(Note—For the Philip and Jonathan Zerbes, of Blue Mountain Hollow, see Phillip[1] Zerbe, of Hetzel's Church, Pinegrove Township.)

Johann Phillip, b. March 27, 1806; d. at Pinegrove, while receiving treatment at Pottsville for threatened blindness.

David, b. November 10, 1807; was blind for thirty-five years; d. in Gregg Township.

(Note—Mrs. Bretz, of Pinegrove, who was a Zerbe, and is eighty years of age, recollected well when David Zerbe, accompanied by a half grown boy, came from Centre County to visit his cousins in Pinegrove, and Mrs. Rebecca Troutman, seventy years of age, of Krick's Mills P. O., Berks County, da. of John (John Christian), remembers, too, when the Pinegrove cousins brought David, a blind man, to visit her father, John Zerbe.)

Jacob, b. November 10, 1807; d. near the Loop, Potter Township, after having been blind for twenty-five years.

Adam, b. August 19, 1811. Weaver by trade, operated a saw mill for many years in Gregg Township. Removed in 1847 to Penn Township, Pine Creek, where he purchased eighty acres of land and lived until his death at nearly seventy years. He is interred in Paradise cemetery. Member of Evangeiical church.

Michael, b. May 7, 1814; d. in Stephenson Co., Ill.

Henry, b. October 23, 1815; d. in same county and state.

Catharine, b. October 27, 1817; d., 1896; m. Abram Hoover, d.

Andrew, b. March 1, 1821; living in Gregg Township.

Phillip Zerbe was twice married; his second wf. was Hannah, da. of Adam and Hannah Elizabeth (Minnich) Sunday. He had nine children with the first wife and eight with the second, viz:

Elizabeth, b. May 16, 1822; m. Charles Ripka; d. in Gregg Township.

Mary, b. April 26, 1824; m. Harry Garver; d. in Potter Township.

Susanna and Sarah, twins; b. August 26, 1826; Susanna m. George Wirt; d. in Penn Township; Sarah m. Peter Auman; d. in Gregg Township.

Joseph, b. November 4, 1830; d. in Gregg Township.

William is a resident of Gregg Township.
Hannah m. Peter Confer, of Millheim, Centre County.
Amelia, d. at the age of twenty-one years.
Adam Zerbe, (Phillip), was twice married; first wf., Susanna Swavely, by whom he had the following children: Henry, of Haines Township; Adam P.; Reuben, d., Penn Township; Julia A., m. Daniel Geary, d. in Penn Township. Second wf., Mrs. Catharine Confer, (Heckman.)
Adam[3] P. Zerbe, (Adam[2], Phillip[1]); b. April 21, 1845; worked at lumbering until twenty-seven years of age; m., February, 1872, in Haines Township, to Elizabeth Daup, da. of Joseph and Catherine Decker Daup. They had five children: Susan O., Joseph A., d.; William D., Emory P., and Maria A. A. P. Zerbe's wife, Catharine, dying he makes his home with his son, Atty. W. D. Zerbe, of Bellefonte.

DAVID L. ZERBE

David L. Zerbe, b. January 28, 1851, son of Adam and Susan Swaveley Zerbe, teller of the bank, Millheim, Pa. He was educated in the Aaronsburg and Penn Hall Academies. Taught school for thirteen years; married November 5, 1874, Anna Mary Deininger Keen. One child, Stella E. He is one of the leading citizens of Millheim. Stella m. Thomas Buck, lives at Berwick, Pa.

Susan D. Zerbe, d.
Emery P., m. Sarah Bower; one child, Coburn, Penn Township.
Mina A., m. —— Faust.
William D. Zerbe, m. Isabel, daughter of Hugh and Annie Starr Taylor. They had two children: Elizabeth and William, attorney at law, member of the firm of "Gettig, Bower and Zerby." Some of this branch have changed the final "e" of the name to "y."
A John Zerbe, b. October 19, 1812, Centre County, Pa., m. Eliza Gipe, 1856, and located at East Germantown, Wayne Co., Indiana. He died October 5, 1882.

ZERBES IN NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

PHILLIP ZERBE

The Zerbes of Northumberland County are descendants from the men of the second and fourth generations, Phillip[2] Zerbe and Daniel[4] Zerbe.

Phillip[2] Zerbe. There is nothing definite known of this man's ancestry, but he is said to have come to the region of Northumberland County before its erection, 1772, and settled near Shamokin Dam, Lower Mahantongo and Mahanoy

Townships, where many of the Zerbes of both branches live, there being about five hundred with their descendants intermarried, in the county and others removed to the western states.

Delmatia, formerly Georgetown, on the North Central Railway, is eleven miles from Sunbury. The Stone Valley church, where many Zerbes are buried, is three miles from Delmatia.

Phillip[2] Zerbe was a raftsman on the Susquehanna River from Sunbury, then known as Shamokin, to Harrisburg[1] and owned rafts and boats of his own. He was a large and powerfully built man, six feet and five inches tall, with long arms, big feet and hands and great muscular strength. His summary disposition of all disputes among the rough element that worked with and under him, gave him the reputation of a great athlete and fighter and few cared to arouse his antagonism. He was known as the "Yankee" and a tradition exists that he came from Rhode Island to Pennsylvania.

Phillip[3] Zerbe, (Phillip[2]), b. December 17, 1776; d. November 19, 1857; wf., Elizabeth, b. December 12, 1779; d. April 14, 1837; both buried at Zion Stone Valley church, (Steinedahl), Delmatia. Their children were: Joseph, John, Margaret, wf. of George Bingham; Benjamin, Phillip[3] Jr.; Miriam, wf. of Andrew Tschopp; David, Peter, Elizabeth, m. John Lauer, died before decedent, leaving four children: Mary, Gabriel, Elizabeth and Peggy, minors. The estate valued at $1,600. Letters of administration, December 14, 1857. Each heir, $359. T. 483, pp. 529, Northumberland County Court House.

Peter[4] Zerbe, (Phillip[3], Phillip[3]), bought 100 acres of land from Michael Rhine for 105 pounds, March 19, 1818. R. C. 751-109, p. 529. Lower Mahanoy Township. Peter Zerbe

(Note 1—The History of Northumberland County, 1891, says, in its "Colonial Period:" "There was a colony of New Englanders who settled, early, near Shamokin Dam, who were given the derisive name of "Yankee" and were very much disliked by the settlers.")

left Northumberland County and later Valley View, Schuylkill County, for Clarion County; his brother David settled in Ohio.

Phillip[4] Zerbe, Jr., (Phillip[3], Phillip[2]), lived at Delmatia; m. Catharine Rothermel. Their children were: Isaac, Reilly, Levi, Joel, Susan, m. Isaac Messner; Elizabeth, m. John Seagrist. His four sons were in the Civil War and all returned home safely. Isaac[5] m. Elizabeth Reichenbach; 2nd wf., Mrs. Mary A. Radle; c. were: William, Susan, m. Aaron Heim; Uriah, Phillip, Adam, Aaron, Jacob, Isaac of first wife, Mary Emma, wf. of Charles E. Youse, of 2nd wife.

Reilly[5] Zerbe, (Phillip[4], Phillip[3], Phillip[2]), hotelkeeper at Shamokin Dam, Lower Mahantongo Township, removed to Sunbury, where he established the Zerbe Hotel; m. Fietta Haupt, first wife; children: Milton H.; Francis, d.; Martha, m. Edward Schreiber; second wife, Rebecca Reed; c.: Della, m. Charles Rumberger; c. of Della Rumberger: Edward, Rebecca, Reilly Zerbe, soldier in the Civil War.

John[4] Zerbe, (Phillip[3], Phillip[2]), b. Northumberland County, 1786; d. 1851. John[4] Zerbe had a son, Daniel[5], b. May 10, 1810; d. July 2, 1851. Daniel's[5] son, John[5] D. Zerbe, of Hubley Township, Schuylkill County, b. February 14, 1845. This John[5] Zerbe lives at Sacramento, Pa. His children are: Frank, Allen, Harry, Sacramento; Dr. J. Irwin, Franklin, Pa., formerly of Polk, Venango County, Pa. Dr. Zerbe practised for several years in Minersville and is now prominent in his profession at Oil City, Pa.

Phillip[2], "the Yankee," was engaged in rafting on the Susquehanna River about 1762 and it is confidently believed that he was a son of John[1] Phillip Zerbe, one of the three immigrant brothers who landed in New York, 1710, and who served in Queen Anne's War, 1711, subsequently removing to Broad Bay, Maine, 1732, with a colony, where they remained until the last of them scattered, 1769.

Phillip[4] and Daniel[4], who went north to Northumberland County about 1785, were sons of Benjamin and Daniel Zerbe, of the Blue Mountain Hollow, Pinegrove Township, Berks County, (John[2] the m., Lorentz[1]) and were first cousins. Phillip's descendants live mainly near Sunbury and at Delmatia. A Phillip went to Centre County early.

The children of Phillip[2] Zerbe, (John[1] Phillip), were:

John, Joseph, George, Phillip, Peter.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR RECORDS

John Servey—Northumberland County Militia, Private, Continental Line. Vol. 4, pp. 369, 693, 379, Penna. Archives.

Joseph Servitz—Private, Capt. George Shriver's, 3d Co., 7th class. Vol. 8, p. 358, Penna. Archives, (Northumberland County.)

George Servits—Capt. John Gragery's Co., Col. Nicholas Kerns, Northumberland County, April 22, 1782. Vol. 8, p. 493; Vol. 4, p. 344, Penna. Archives.

(Note—It will be seen that there are two Phillips of the third and fourth generation. Phillip[4] who came with Daniel from Berks, and Phillip[3], son of Phillip[2].)

Milton[6] H. Zerbe, (Reilly[5], Phillip[4], Phillip[3], Phillip[2]), proprietor of the Zerbe Hotel, Sunbury, established by his father, Reilly Zerbe; m. Martha Herrold; c.: Thomas, Mary F., wf. of William Flanders.

Levi[5] Zerbe, (Phillip[4], Phillip[3], Phillip[2]), m. Polly Bitterman, d.

Joel[5] Zerbe, (Phillip[4], Phillip[3], Phillip[2]), m. Lizzie Gladfelter.

There were many soldiers in the Civil War from the Phillip line and their descendants are well educated and progressive. Charles W. Zerbe owns one of the finest farms along the Mahantongo Creek, run upon modern scientific principles and a "top-notcher." He is a school director, tax collector and an all around man of affairs.

ZERBE TUFT HUNTERS

Some years ago the Phillip Zerbe branch, of Northumberland County, employed a lawyer to go to Europe, where it was said a fortune of 60 million dollars awaited them. He

returned and made an assessment for more funds needed to prosecute the claims, collected it, departed and nothing further was heard of him or the money. They enjoyed the joke upon themselves, but not as much as did the promoter of the scheme, who lived abroad at their expense for a year or more.

Joseph[4] Zerbe, (Phillip[3], Phillip[2]). His will, recorded February 27, 1862, Register's office, Northumberland County, (R. B. 751), gives his heirs: Anna Maria, widow; David, Phillip, Amanda Heckert, Elizabeth Tschopp, Catharine Scheaffer, John, Mary, Eva, Alburtus. The Steinedahl church records give Joseph Zerbe, m. to Catharine Meck as having had thirteen children. Their names are identical with those above (and if the same man, he must have had two wives). David, b. 1824, d. 1908, Mandata, Pa.; Phillip, b. 1827, Malta; John, Iowa; and Peter, Illinois; all three killed in the Civil War. Alburtus lived in Kansas, since removed to Los Angeles, Cal.; and Lydia.

David[5] Zerbe, (Joseph[4], Phillip[3], Phillip[2]), b. December 17, 1824, m. Sarah Schaeffer. Their children were:

Wm. A., b. 1865, Pillow, Pa.; Frank, b. 1860, Trevorton, Pa.; Galen, b. 1854, Mandata, Pa.; David.

The Zerbes of Tower City, Lykens, Loyaltown, Malta, Sacramento, Shamokin and Sunbury are of this branch and descendants of Phillip.[2]

William[6] L. Zerbe, (Phillip[5], Joseph[4], Phillip[3], Phillip[2]), of Tower City, plasterer and cement contractor; b. 1851, at Malta; m. Caroline Huntsinger, of Valley View. Mr. Zerbe is a prominent and progressive citizen, having filled almost every office within the gift of the people of that place, being at present a member of Borough Council. He is a Republican and strict churchman. Their children are:

Rufus, b. 1878; Minnie W., b. 1880; Sadie A., b. 1882; Mary, b. 1883; Ulysses W., b. 1886; Bessie L., b. 1888; James L., b. 1890; William, b. 1892; Catharine, b. 1894; Riley E., b. 1897; Blanche M., b. 1899.

William[6] Zerbe, (David[5], Joseph[4], Phillip[3], Phillip[2]); c.: Edward, b. 1890; Clarence, 1895; Homer, 1902; Lola, b. 1899; Mazie, b. 1906.

Other Zerbes in Shamokin: Henry and Jonas, two brothers.

Wm. Zerbe, formerly of Wm. Penn, son of John Zerbe and Barbara Schropp; b. March 7, 1837, d. 1901; m. Sarah, da. of James and Elizabeth Hafer Manning. They had nine children; six d., Oscar, Winfield and Sallie living. Mrs. Zerbe is living at Catawissa, Pa.

Oliver Zerbe, of Wiconisco, is a prominent hotel keeper and is known for his strict observance of the law.

DANIEL ZERBE

Daniel Zerbe came from Berks County to Northumberland about 1785. He came overland with a train of wagons carrying his family, household effects, agricultural implements and driving his cattle.

He settled in Steinedahl, three miles from Delmatia, and is buried in the Stone Valley cemetery at that place, where he was a prosperous farmer and lived until his death. He left many descendants, some of whom are settled in the western states and others in Lower Mahanoy Township and Shamokin. The children of Daniel Zerbe and Maria Wertz were:

Thomas, John, Daniel, d. single: George, d., m. Phoebe Spengle; two c.: John and Ellen; Rebecca, m. Adam Bowman and moved to Illinois; Catharine, m. David Schwartz and removed to Michigan; Elizabeth, m. Adam Alman.

Thomas[2] Zerbe, (Daniel[1]), lived for a time in Paxton, Dauphin County. He married Elizabeth Gorman; c.: Josiah, Thomas, Benjamin, Beavertown, Snyder County; Elias, Altoona; Elizabeth, m. Henry Miller, Shamokin; Rebecca, m. George Heitzman; three daughters; Katie m. Elias Paul. The four sons served in the Civil War.

Thomas[3] Zerbe, (Thomas[2], Daniel[1]), served two terms as commissioner of Northumberland County; wf., Catharine Messner. Their children were: Russel, d.; 2 da., Kate and Ethel; John W.; James M., m.; no children. Joseph Henry, Charles, Catharine.

John W. Zerbe, postmaster of Shamokin, (1912-'13); wf., Clara Kerkham; c.: May; two deceased. Mr. Zerbe was raised in Lower Mahanoy Township. the family removed to Shamokin, where, being a staunch Republican, he became popular in political circles, and was appointed postmaster, serving until succeeded by a Democrat under the Wilson administration.

Joseph Henry Zerbe, is telegraph operator at Delmatia, and dispatcher for the Northern Central Railway; an active

Republican, churchman, school director and member of many fraternal orders. One of Thomas Zerbe's sons served three years in the foreign service, Spanish-American war, and sailed around the world.

An epidemic of smallpox broke out at Delmatia and many of the settlers died of that dread disease, among them a number of the Zerbes. The tombstones in the Steinedahl cemetery tell of these ravages by death from smallpox.

Phillip[5] Zerbe, (Joseph[4], Phillip[3], Phillip[2]), b. 1827; wf., Mary; children: William Zerbe, b. 1851, Tower City, Pa.; Ambrose, b. 1851; John, d.; Charles, b. 1857; Frank, b. 1862, all born at Malta; Sarah, b. 1860, Hubley Township; Phillip, b. 1864, d. 1901.

Josiah[3] Zerbe, (Thomas[2], Daniel[1]), was a soldier in the Civil War. He removed from Shamokin to Alma, Nebraska, 1911. His children were: Margaret, Elizabeth m. Kaechelrig; Ida m. Feece. He was gored to death by a blooded bull on his own ranch and is buried at Alma. He was twice married, the second wife, Mrs. Reed, d. September, 1915, aged 81.

DANIEL ZERBE AN ATHLETE

A story told of Daniel Zerbe says that he was nearly seven feet tall and a very large man. In the fall, after harvest was over, it was customary to hold shooting and athletic matches at which the best men in the country districts were pitted against each other. On one occasion a wrestling match was set to come off at Shamokin Dam and Daniel, who was famous in that art, was to have a set-off with two athletes from Berks County. The parties arrived at night and were assigned to a room at the hotel in which there were several beds, in one of which Daniel Zerbe was already sleeping. In the morning he arose first and the two other men peeping from under their cover-lids and only half awake, saw this Goliath in stature as he slowly unfolded his large lank form and dressed for his breakfast and the coming affray. One glance was sufficient, they dressed and cautiously stole from the house and disappeared toward Berks County. There was no fight that day.

ZERBE VALLEY RAILWAY AND ZERBE GAP

Zerbe Run empties into the Susquehanna River near Trevorton. Zerbe Gap was united by this Run and a short canal and railroad with the Susquehanna River to facilitate the shipment of coal. Zerbe Township, Northumberland County, was erected by Act of Legislature, March 11, 1853, from lines between Coal, Cameron and Shamokin Townships. Zerbe Run is a branch of the Little Mahanoy River. The Zerbe Run and Shamokin Improvement Company was incorporated February 25, 1850. Trevorton is at the juncture where Zerbe Run empties into the Susqnehanna River. The Zerbe Valley Railway is fifteen miles long. It was incorporated September 7, 1867, to purchase the railroad franchises of the Trevorton Coal and Railway Company. It was sold by the Sheriff, August 3, 1867. The Zerbe Valley Railway was merged into the Mahanoy and Shamokin Railway, July 7, 1870, and the latter road was merged into the Reading Railway, March 25, 1871. (Northumberland County History, p. 777. Annals of Northumberland County, pp. 489-685.)

(Note—There is a Zerbe P. O. in Centre County, Pennsylvania, and also one in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.)

The principal stream of Zerbe Township is Zerbe Run. The surface is mountainous with no farming land whatever, for which its rich mineral resources amply compensate. The existence of coal at Zerbe's Gap (Trevorton) was known as early as 1827, when a company was formed for the construction of a canal, railway or slackwater from the Susquehanna River to the coal mines at the Gap. The most extensive vein of coal, fifty feet thick, was discovered on the Zerbe Run, a branch of the Little Mahanoy Creek. Trevorton was laid out in 1850, when an improvement company was formed, whose operations extended from Trevorton (Zerbe Gap) to Mount Carmel. Over one million dollars was expended and an immense breaker with a capacity daily of one thousand tons was erected—(Northumberland County History, 1891.)

CHURCH RECORDS

Early Marriages, German Reformed Church, Philadelphia.

(Penna. Archives, Second Series, Vol. 8.)

1767, March 24, Zerben Wenden and Catharine Bacon.

1778, May 12, Serben Gosteph and Elizabeth Frehn. Reformed Church, Falckner's Swamp.

1792, November 4, Zerben Wendel and Phillipina Zerben.

1792, September 8, Zerben Catharine and Arrant Braun.

These were by Pennsylvania licenses, as above.

Marriages of Rev. John Walderschmidt

(Archives 6, Vol. 6, p. 255.)

Servie Elizabeth, daughter of Johannes Servie and Adam Gramling, March 28, 1780.

Swede's Church, Philadelphia

1781, November 18, Zarben David and Anne Dingwall.

1777, March 2, Carby Josiah and Margaret Child.

The above were licensed by State. (2nd Series, Archives, Vol. 2.)

1745, November 18, Sarva Nicholas, m. Elizabeth Kloppen. (Moravian records, Lititz.)

1754, November 11, Zerfass Frederick m. Margaret Fadin, New Hanover, Pa., Rev. Frederick Schultz.

1761, March 12, Zieber Rebecca, da. of Johannes Zieber; bap. in church. (Trappe church records.)

The register of marriages begins 1760 when the date of licenses to the ministers begins. (2nd Series, Penna. Archives, 2nd Vol.) Those of Proprietary Pennsylvania, from the time the colonial laws were made, are lost. There are four volumes of these records in existence. The practice was discontinued, 1790.

Rev. John Caspar Stoever's Records

Baptisms:

1743, February 20; parent, Christian Gruber; child, John George; sponsor, Heinrich Gruber.

1749, January 8; parents, Christian Gruber; child, Maria Caterina; sponsors, John Zerwe and wife Caterina.

1738, January 2; parents, Peter Muench and wife; child, John Michael.

B. 1752, December 22; bap., 1753, January 14; parents, John Phillip Strauss, wf. ——; child, Maria Caterina; sponsors, Johannes, Caterina Zerwe.

B. 1753, February 19; bap., 1753, March 11; parents, Daniel Schneider, wf. ——; child, Maria Caterina; sponsors, Johannes, Caterina Zerwe.

B. February 14, 1753; bap., March 11, 1753; parents, Caspar Yost and wf., Swatara; child, Maria Caterina; sponsors, Johannes, Caterina Zerbe.

B. September 15, 1758; bap., September 17, 1758; parents, Mathias Wagner and wf., Northkill; child, Anna Caterina; sponsors, Johannes, Caterina Zerwe.

Marriages:

1730, May 31, Heinrich Bayer (Boyer) to Elizabeth Maria Zerbe.

1738, April 4, George Meyer to Barbara Zerbe, Tulpehocken.

1746, December 22, Valentine Von Huss to Maria Barbara Zerwe, Tulpehocken.

1741, October 13, Englehart Flohry to Elizabeth Zerwe, Tulpehocken.

1746, December 22, John George Meyer to Catharine Zerwe, Tulpehocken.

1748, October 31, Joseph Roth to Maria Margaretha Zerbe, Tulpehocken.

1754, October 8, Jacob Zerbe, Jr., and Anna Elizabeth Spiese, Atolhoe.

1738, December 16, Samuel Swaller and Margaretha Kroh, Conestoga.

1743, June 4, John Zerwe and Caterina Stupp, Tulpehocken.

1767, August 4, Samuel Zerfass and Sabina Baltz, Cocalico Township.

Many of Stoever's records are found throughout the book that are not included in the above.

Records of John Caspar Stoever from 1730 to 1779, translated by Rev. J. F. Schantz. The originals are in the possession of W. C. Stoever, Theological Seminary, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Prof. Luther Reed.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Reading

1768, December 20, Leonard Rieth, son of George Rieth, of the Tulpehocken, to Anna Maria Zerbe, of Tulpehocken, Rev. J. A. Krug.

1805, January 29, John Zerbe, of Manheim Township, to Elizabeth Kronberger, widow, of Bern Township, Rev. H. A. Muhlenberg.

1804, June 4, Jacob Zerbe to Catharine Rudebach, both of Reading, (Womelsdorf.)

Tombstones, Northkill Cemetery, near Bernville

Conrad Reber, b. 1778; d. 1817.

Valentine Reber, b. 1742; d. 1818.

Albrecht Strauss, b. 1760; d. 1832.

Christian Gruber, b. 1712.

Many members of the Filbert, Rieth, Reber and Miller families are buried here.

Rehersburg Church Records

1776, March 25, John Zerbe and wf. Catharine, bap. da., Christina Susanna; sponsor, Susanna Zerbe, single.

1783, January 12, John Zerbe and wf. Catharine, bap. da., Anna Maria.

1766, May 2, John Zerbe and wf. Catharine bap. son, Andreas.

1788, June 6, Peter and Elizabeth Schlaseman Zerbe bap. son, Peter.

1783 November 30, John Zerbe and wf. Mary Margaret bap. da. Elizabeth.

Zions, Lutheran and Reformed Church, Womelsdorf, Pa.

1803, June 20, Benjamin Zerbe and wf. Anna Margaret, bap. son, Samuel.

1811, July 3, Emanuel Zerbe and wf. Mary, bap. da. Maria.

1811, November 18, John Zerbe and wf. Maria bap. da. Anna Maria.

1867, July 20, Percival Zerbe, Jefferson, m. Catharine Elizabeth Blatt.

1869, December 18, Israel F. Zerbe, Jefferson Twp., m. Priscilla H. Barr.

1871, March 24, Jared L. Zerbe, Jefferson Township, m. Mary Ann Heil.

1874, September 19, Samuel N. Zerbe, Winterville, m. Leah Battdorf.

1878, April 6, Daniel H. Zerbe, Bethel Township, m. Adaline Stupp.

1872, June 8, Cyrus F. Zerbe, Womelsdorf, m. Nettie Hilbert, Mill Creek, Lebanon County.

1826, January 12, b. John Zerbe, of Strausstown; d. September 28, 1882.

1874, May 23, Ephraim L. Henne m. Kate Zerbe Strauss.

Baptismal Records

Parents, Henry and Eliza Zerbe, da. Eliza, b. October 27, 1828; sponsor, Eliza Fidler.

Parents, Samuel and Catharine Zerbe; da. Catharine; b. January 20, 1826.

Tombstone Record

Salome Schock, wife of Andrew Zerbe, b. April 17, 1814; died August 5, 1890. Union cemetery.

Tulpehocken Church, Tombstone Records

(Above Stouchsburg)

Michael Zerbe, born July 9, 1777, died November 12, 1841. Wife, Elizabeth, born February 21, 1780; died, May 4, 1840.

Christina Zerbe, born September 25, 1780; died September 9, 1854; daughter of Leonard and Barbara Zerbe.

Inscriptions From Tombstones, Blue Mountain Church, Strausstown

John Zerbe, born August 12, 1766; died January 31, 1830. Wife, Maria Barbara Walmer, born July 16, 1772; died July 14, 1854.

Susanna Zerbe, born August 12, 1796; died April 12, 1819; married Jonathan Rauch.

John Zerbe, born February 3, 1798; died February 8, 1868; wife, Christina Manbeck, born April 5, 1795; died April 15, 1867.

Catharine Zerbe, born November 22, 1799; died November 10, 1864; married John Strauss.

Some of the above were settlers in Pinegrove Township.

Little Tulpehocken Church Records

1828, December 20, Johannes Zerbe m. Elizabeth Anhalt (Christ church). He was a son of John and Magdalena Zerbe. They bap. seven children until 1847.

1812, March 25, Elizabeth, wf. of John Zerbe, d. 1871, April 9.

1791, February 10, Daniel and Anna Maria Zerbe, bap. da. Salome.

1793, August 2, Daniel and Anna Maria Zerbe, bap. son Joseph.

1798, August 8, Emanuel and Barbara Zerbe, bap. son John.

Taxables in Tulpehocken Township, 1810

Michael Zerbe, Christian Zerbe, Christian Jr. Zerbe, Emanus Zerben, John Zerben, John, son of Christian Zerbe; Jacob Zerben, Peter Zerbe, Leonard Zerbe, Leonard Zerbe, Jr., Peter Zerbe.

The above are of the same name, some using the German spelling.

Records of Christ Lutheran Church, Stouchsburg, Marion Township, Berks County

(Translated from the German)

The following is a list of the Zerbes in the above church records, built 1744, and for the erection of which George Peter Zerbe signed the call with three others of the family; John Jacob, Mrs. Martin Zerbe and John Zerbe were among its earliest members.

Baptisms:—

Parents George Peter Zerbe and Christina Loucks; children, Johannes, 1745; Anna Maria, April 23, 1747; Maria, 1750.

Parents, Peter Zerben and Elizabeth Loucks. Child, Elizabeth, July 22, 1771. Sponsors, Johannes and Maria Margaret Zerbe.

Parents, Johannes and Maria Margaret Zerbe. Children, Johannes, February 3, 1772; John George, May 4, 1773; Peter, May 12, 1781. Sponsors, George Peter and Christina Zerbe.

Parents, Michael and Anne Maria Donmier Zerben. Children, Michael, July 5, 1777; Salome, March 12, 1779; Anna Marie, February 6, 1781; Elizabeth, August 28, 1782; Barbara, September 29, 1791; Eva, September 20, 1794; Johannes, February 24, 1796; Anna Margaret, February 7, 1800. Sponsors, George and Elizabeth Wolf, Caspar and Salome Batteicher, John George and Barbara Sponchuchen Zerbe, Benjamin and Elizabeth Zerbe, parents for last three.

Parents, Leonard Zerbe and Barbara Lengle. Children, John Jacob, October 25, 1786; Elizabeth, April 17, 1793; Margaret Susan, October 3, 1795; Daniel, August 15, 1800; Elizabeth, May 11, 1806; Benjamin, 1815; Jacob, 1816. Sponsors, Susan Zerben, Daniel Rieth, Frederic and Catharine Weis.

Parents, Phillip Zerben and Christina. Child, Catharine, April 19, 1798. Sponsors, Peter and Catharine Hitzel.

Parents, Andrew Zerbe and Maria Magdalena. Child, Mary Magdalena, May 20, 1798.

Parents, Michael Zerbe and Elizabeth Schafer. Children, Johannes, December 3, 1801; John Jacob, September 24, 1802; Jonathan, 1811; Magdelena, 1813; Lydia, 1814; Michael, December 30, 1817; E——, January 31, 1819. Sponsors, Michael and Anna Maria Donmeier Zerbe, John Jacob and Elizabeth Schafer.

(Note—In most instances the grandparents stood as sponsors for the first child and their names frequently decide the relationship.)

Parents, Johannes Zerben and Margaret. Children, Anna Maria, December 20, 1802; Margaret, January 3, 1804; Johannes, 1805. Sponsors, Christian Zerbe, Peter Peiffer, Leonard Zerbe.

Parents, Hermanus Zerbe and Maria Rieth. Children, Heinrich, June 11, 1804; Samuel, December 1, 1802; Elizabeth, February 20, 1806. Sponsors, John Jacob and Eva Rieth.

Parents, Abraham and Catharine Zerbe. Child, Anna Maria, November, 1804. Sponsors, John and Sophia Miller.

Parents, John Jacob Zerben and Catharine. Children, John Adam, June 27, 1806; Justina, 1807; Eliza, 1813; ——, December 26, 1817; Franklin, January 7, 1822. Sponsors, Christian and Eva Zerben, Christian and Catherine Zerben.

Parents, John Zerben and Susanna Miller. Children, Andreas, July 28, 1807; Sarah, May 31, 1816; ——, January 3, 1819. Sponsors, Christian and Catherine Zerbe, Michael and Catherine Miller.

Parents, Christian and Catharine Zerbe. Child, Elias, 1814. Sponsors, David and Elizabeth Zerbe.

Parents, Johannes Zerbe and Elizabeth. Children, Levi, October 10, 1816; Heinrich, July 13, 1814; Rebecca, January 20, 1830; Levantina, July 2, 1831; Carolina, March 24, 1834; John Jacob, 1838; Elizabeth, 1844; Eva, 1847. Sponsors, Jacob and Catherine Zerbe, Johannes and Magdalena Zerbe, Magdalena Zerbe, Maria Zerbe.

Parents, Phillip Zerbe and Rosina Lamb. Children, Benneville, December 4, 1816; Wilhelm, July 29, 1818; Ephraim, January 15, 1820; Joel, 1821; Edward, July 13, 1822; Priscilla, January 25, 1825; Anna Maria, 1827; Elizabeth, December 26, 1828; Anna Margretta, January 27, 1831; Benjamin, 1832; Jared, 1836. Sponsors, John and Elizabeth Witman, Johannes and Magdelena Zerbe.

Parents, John and Magdelena Zerbe. Children, Elizabeth, August 4, 1822; Maria, 1824; Rebecca, 1827; Henrietta, December 4, 1828. Sponsors, Daniel and Catharine Zerbe, Phillip and Rosina Zerbe.

Parents, Johannes Zerbe and Rosina. Child, Johanna, 1832.

Parents, Jacob Zerbe and Sarah. Child, Melinda, November 22, 1837. Sponsors, Michael and Elizabeth Zerbe.

Parents, Andrew Zerbe and Salome. Child, William James, 1837.

Parents, Elias Zerbe and ——. Children, Diana, 1842; Jacob, April 11, 1844.

Parents, Augustus and Elizabeth Zerbe. Children, Henrietta, April 10, 1843; Regina, April 11, 1846.

Parents. Michael and Elizabeth Zerbe. Child, Emmeline, November 14, 1848.

Parents, Jacob Zerbe and Catharine. Child, William, August 8, 1850.

Marriage Records of Christ Lutheran Church, Stouchsburg, Pennsylvania

April 2, 1771, Johannes Zerbe and Maria Margret Angst; son of George Peter Zerbe.

June 4, 1776, Michael Zerbe and Anna Maria Donmier; son of George Peter Zerbe.

June 23, 1778, John George Zerbe and Barbara Sponchuchen; son of George Peter Zerbe.

June 5, 1781, George Zerbe and Christina Wenrich; son of John Zerbe.

November 2, 1773, Johannes Zerbe and Barbara Witman; son of Phillip Zerbe.

June 3, 1773, Christian Zerbe and Maria Christina Strauss; son of Johannes Zerbe.

September 18, 1781, Benjamin Zerbe and Anne Margaret Wertz; son of Benjamin Zerbe.

May 1, 1795, Jonathan Zerbe and Margaret Weiser; son of Valentine Zerbe.

February 26, 1782, Phillip Zerbe and Susanna, (Phillip of Hetzel's.)
July 30, 1782, Peter Zerbe and Elizabeth.
March 3, 1789, Gottfried Zerbe and Appolonia Michael.
September 1, 1790, Daniel Zerbe and —— Rohnin.
September 1, 1790, Jonathan Zerbe and Maria Catharine Scheafer.
May 12, 1799, Hermanus Zerbe and Maria Rieth.
December 1, 1799, John George Zerbe and Susanna Miller.
May 24, 1799, Michael Zerbe and Elizabeth Weil.
March 6, 1801, John Zerbe and Margaret Weigand.
March 19, 1805, Leonard Zerbe and Susy Scharff.
March 17, 1816, William Zerbe and Rosina Lamb.
May 15, 1817, David Zerbe and Elizabeth Koller.
June 19, 1817, Heinrich Zerbe and Elizabeth ——.
April 22, 1821, Johannes Zerbe and Christina Manbeck.
September 2, 1821, Johannes Zerbe and Martha Keller.
December 20, 1828, Johannes Zerbe and Elizabeth Anhalt.
February 18, 1834, Jacob Zerbe and Sarah Scholl.
Dec. 31, 1836, Andrew Zerbe and Salome Stout.
October 31, 1846, Franklin Zerbe and Elizabeth Heffelfinger.
May 18, 1847, William Zerbe and Regina Witman.
November 4, 1854, Reuben Zerbe and Tillie Pfeiffer, Bethel Township.
May 25, 1856, Nathan Zerbe and Mary Scholl, Tulpehocken Township.
February 17, 1857, Solomon G. C. Zerbe and Mary Casia Harner.
June 2, 1860, Levi Zerbe and Catharine Haag.
August 28, 1862, Isaac Zerbe and Emma Bechtold.

Deaths and Burial Records, Christ Church

There were no death records kept in Christ Lutheran church, Stouchsburg, from 1773 to 1811. Neither were there but few names of the parents given. There were many records of the deaths of children, but only those who reached maturity are noted here.

July 22, 1750, Mrs. Elizabeth Zerbe, wf. of Martin Zerbe.

November 13, 1751, Maria, child of George Peter and Christina Zerbe, aged 1 year, 6 months.

August 11, 1818, Sophia Elizabeth Zerbe, aged 66 years, 9 months, 3 days.

April 7, 1819, Benjamin Zerbe, aged 57 years, 1 month, 10 days.

December 29, 1819, Anna Barbara Zerbe, aged 74 years, 7 months, 18 days.

November 12, 1821, Christina Zerbe, aged 64 years, 1 month, 18 days.

August 20, 1824, Leonard Zerbe, aged 79 years, 1 month, 8 days.

October 11, 1824, George Zerbe, aged 70 years, 10 months, 1 day.

April 25, 1832, John Jacob Zerbe, aged 56 years, 2 months, 1 day.

May 4, 1840, Anna Elizabeth Zerbe, aged 60 years, 2 months, 14 days.

November 14, 1844, Michael Zerbe, aged 67 years, 4 months, 3 days.

April 21, 1845, Andrew Zerbe, aged 37 years, 8 months, 26 days.

September 12, 1849, Elizabeth Zerbe, aged 62 years, 6 months, 26 days.

December 21, 1857, John Zerbe; parents, Christian and Maria Sophia Elizabeth Zerbe; aged 74 years, 5 months, 23 days.

February 9, 1858, Augustus Zerbe; parents, Jacob and Catharine Zerbe; aged 47 years, 1 month, 26 days.

January 9, 1859, John Zerbe; parents, Leonard and Barbara Zerbe; aged 86 years, 9 months, 27 days.

September 10, 1875, Jacob Zerbe; parents, Michael and Elizabeth Zerbe; aged 75 years, 1 month, 21 days.

October 15, 1877, John W. Zerbe; parent, John Zerbe; aged 72 years, 9 months, 4 days.

Hetzel's Church, Lutheran, Washington Township, Schuylkill County—Baptisms From 1817 to 1874

Parents, John and Magdalena Zerbe. Children, February 17, 1817, Jonathan; October 20, 1820, John; December 12, 1823, Rosina; May 17, 1825, Katherine; April 30, 1827, Samuel; November 8, 1828, Michael. Sponsors, Phillip and Christina Zerbe, Jacob and Catherine Sauser, Phillip ——, Benjamin and Barbara Batdorff, Samuel and Elizabeth Werner, Michael and Magdalena Zerbe.

Parents, John and Maria Zerbe. Children, August 4, 1817, Katherine and Louisa—twins. Sponsors, Christopher and Katherine Schropp and Magdelena Zerbe.

Parents, Phillip and Elizabeth Reichert Zerbe. Child, December 31, 1819, Jonathan. Sponsors, John and Maria Magdalena Eckler.

Parents, Phillip and Elizabeth Zerbe. Children, January 11, 1821, John; February 1, 1823, Jacob; September 12, 1825, Joseph; October 31, 1828, Leah; September 19, 1830, Benneville; July 27, 1837, Reuben; No-

vember 11, 1842, Levi. Sponsors, Jacob and Catherine Sauser, Joseph and Christina Bretzious, Johannes and Catherine Batdorff, Benjamin and Salome Heimbach.

Parents, David and Elizabeth Zerbe. Children, 1818, William (grandfather of Rev. J. W. Zerbe, Ohio); August 27, 1820, Maria; November 14, 1821, Magdelena; October 25, 1823, Barbara; December 18, 1825, Lavina; July 11, 1827, Solomon; October 22, 1828, Leah; June 10, 1830, Lazarus; August 9, 1831, Elizabeth; October 23, 1832, Priscilla; May 4, 1834, Michael; March 23, 1836, Eva; August 20, 1837, Sarah Eliza. Sponsors, Joseph Bretzious and Maria Lengle, Jacob and Magdelena Luckenbill, Michael and Barbara Bretzious, Joseph and Barbara Fertig, Rosina Reichert, Solomon and Elizabeth Christ, Daniel and Elizabeth Keller, Isaac and Anna Maria Barnhart, Michael and Maria Wenrich, Paul and Eva Barr, Johannes and Elizabeth Barr.

Parents, Daniel and Catherine Zerbe. Children, August 1, 1824, Daniel; February 20, 1826, Levi; April 20, 1828, Jared; December 19, 1830, Louisa; June 2, 1832, Edward; July 24, 1834, Solomon; January 4, 1836, Maria Anne; June 29, 1837, Levi (2). Sponsors, George M. and Anna Maria Berger, Benjamin and Barbara Batdorf, Adam and Katherine Stahl, John and Philopena Zerbe, Conrad and Sarah Reichert, Solomon Schwartz, Magdelena Zerbe, John and Elizabeth Bretzious.

Parents, Daniel and Christina Zerbe. Child, March 7, 1847, Peter. Sponsors, John and Katerina Heffner.

Parents, John and Philopena Zerbe. Child, December 4, 1832, Lucetta. Sponsors, Adam and Katherine Stahl.

Parents, Jonathan and Rosina Zerbe. Children, August 9, 1824, Jonathan; May 10, 1827, Katherine; April 20, 1835, Solomon. Sponsors, Jonathan and Salome Gebert, Jacob and Catharine Lengle.

Parents, Michael and Magdelena Zerbe. Children, December 10, 1825, Maria Anna; May 5, 1828, Katrina; August 24, 1830, John; October 15, 1834, George; May 22, 1837, Rebecca; October 4, 1840, Michael. Sponsors, John and Anna Maria Bucher, John and Magdelena Zerbe, Jacob Bucher, Samuel and Susanna Zerbe, Conrad and Sarah Reichert, George Reed and Katrina Bucher.

Parents, Samuel and Susanna Zerbe. Children, January 7, 1832, Jacob; May 11, 1836, John; December 16, 1842, Anna; no record, Isaac. Sponsors, Joseph Lengle, Michael and Magdelena Zerbe, Joseph and Katrina Lengle.

Parents, Christian and Anna Maria Zerbe. Child, July 24, 1837, Christian.

Parents, Peter and Sophia Zerbe. Child, January 13, 1835, Maria Anna. Sponsors, Joseph and Christina Bretzious.

Parents, John and Maria Magdalena Zerbe. Children, January 27, 1845, Caroline; February 11, 1850, Mary Ann; July 29, 1852, Emanuel; January 15, 1857, Rebecca; March 31, 1859, Eliza Lavina; March 20, 1861, John; April 9, 1863, George W. and Reuben, twins. Sponsors, William and Maria Gebert, Gottleib and Clara Shawell, John Hunker, Benneville Zerbe, Rebecca Hummel, Christian and Charlotte Heiser, William and Sara Schneck, John Hunker and Reuben Zerbe.

Parents, John and Mary Anne Zerbe. Child, September 14, 1854, Emmeline. Sponsor, Rosette Zerbe.

Parents, Daniel and Maria Ester Zerbe. Children, December 18, 1845, William Lafayette; August 11, 1850, Mary Carolina; January 14, 1852, Emma Esther; July 29, 1848, Ellen. Sponsors, William and Maria Gebert, Earnest Grosmiller and Sarah Zerbe.

Parents, Daniel and Barbara Zerbe. Child, November 26, 1857, Henry Franklin.

Parents, Jonathan and Katrina Zerbe. Children, October 21, 1847, Maria; May 10, 1852, John; June 28, 1860, Katherine; July 26, 1863, Lavina; June 28, 1859, Emmeline. Sponsors, Elizabeth Ditzler and parents, Philopena Zerbe and parents, Lydia Emerich and Joseph, George and Rosetta Bretzious, Michael Boyer and Susan Emerich.

Parents, Jacob and Katharine Zerbe. Child, March 25, 1849, William. Sponsor, Joseph Emerich.

Parents, Joseph and Katherine Zerbe. Children, March 4, 1854, Percival; September 2, 1855, Joseph. Sponsors, Peter and Margaret Klick, Christian Hunker, Leah Zerbe, John and Magdelena Zerbe.

Parents, Jared and Sarah Zerbe. Children, April 25, 1855, Daniel; October 17, 1856, Amelia; January 30, 1858, Kittie Anne; more children not in these records. Sponsors, Mary Zerbe, Elizabeth Wagner, Catharine Sheafer.

Parents, Jonathan Zerbe and Catharine. Children, September 15, 1857, Jonathan; October, 1855, Henry. Sponsor, John Zerbe.

Parents, Reuben and Amanda Zerbe. Children, September 1, 1865, Kittie Louisa. Sponsor, Louisa Herbst.

Parents, George and Mary Zerbe. Child, February 3, 1866, Milton W. Sponsors, Adam and Sarah Lengle.

Parents, Franklin H. and Sophia Zerbe. Children, October 26, 1867, Emma R.; November 11, 1869, Albert W.; February 14, 1871, Clara Anne; March 2, 1873, Maggie V. Sponsors, the parents.

Parents, William L. and Melissa Zerbe. Child, February 15, 1868, William Edmund. Sponsors, Ellen Zerbe and mother.

(Note—Hetzel's early church records do not contain marriages.)

Hetzel's Church Records of Deaths and Tombstone Inscriptions

Phillip Zerbe, born October 23, 1765; died October 13, 1831; aged 65 years, 11 months, 21 days.

Katerina Zerbe, born November 3, 1798; died January 16, 1843; aged 44 years, 2 months, 13 days.

Amanda Royer, wife of Benneville Zerbe; born December 29, 1824.

Philopena, daughter of Phillip and Christina Zerbe; born May 5, 1796; died April 8, 1870; aged 73 years, 5 months, 3 days.

Daniel Zerbe, born December 1, 1799; died February 17, 1874; aged 74 years, 2 months, 16 days.

Benneville Zerbe, born September 19, 1830; died March 7, 1877; aged 46 years, 5 months, 18 days.

John Zerbe, born August 18, 1797; died April 14, 1877; aged 79 years, 7 months, 26 days.

John Zerbe, born January 11, 1821; died April 23, 1884; aged 63 years, 3 months, 12 days.

Mary M., wife of John Zerbe; born November 18, 1831; died July 8, 1897; aged 65 years, 7 months, 20 days.

Mary Zerbe, born November 1, 1855; died December 28, 1881; aged 26 years, 1 month, 27 days.

Christina Zerbe, born July 10, 1801; died January 25, 1885; aged 83 years, 6 months, 15 days.

Joseph Zerbe, born September 12, 1825; died July 17, 1895; aged 69 years, 10 months, 5 days.

Catharine, wife of Joseph Zerbe, born November 13, 1820; died January 30, 1904; aged 83 years, 2 months, 17 days.

Mary Tobias, wife of Michael Zerbe, born May 28, 1811; died June 19, 1889; aged 78 years, 22 days.

(Note—No note was taken of the children's deaths.)

Lancaster County Court House Records

Grantor, Zerfass heirs; grantee, Samuel and W. K. Seltzer; July 4, 1872; book H, Vol. 10, p. 76.

Grantor, Zerbe (Zerfass), Samuel; grantee, Abraham Vondersal; June 19, 1873; book 2, p. 5.

Grantor, Zerfass—Zerbe, William R.; grantee, W. K. Seltzer; April 3, 1893; book 9, p. 10.

Grantor, Peter Klopp and wife; grantee, Nicholas Zerfass; November 10, 1752; book C, pp. 60, 446.

Grantor, George Dawson Coleman and wife; grantee, Jonathan Zerbe; March 28, 1850.

(Tract known as Black Oak Ridge, Clayton, Lancaster, $2,062.)

Grantor, Zerba Valentine, Zerba; grantee, John Zerba; July 27, 1793; personal estate.

Grantor, Zerba, Valentine; grantee, John Zerba; July 10, 1793; book B. R. R. 46; p. 52.

Grantor, D. G. Coleman et ux; grantee, Jonathan Zerbe; May 27, 1857; book R. 8; p. 223.

Grantor, Isaac Brubaker et al.; grantee, Jonathan Zerbe; May 1, 1865.

John Sheaffer, administrator; grantee, Jonathan Zerbe; March 20, 1867

Grantor, Abrm Frastel, Exec.; grantee, Mary Zerbe; June 2, 1892: book D, p. 2.

Grantor, J. Hershberger for 125 pounds; grantee, Peter Zerbe and wife; January 29, 1791; book C, p. 446.

Warrantee, John Server, Servey; survey, 250 acres; April 22, 1736; return, 158; March 14, 1817, January 24, 1873; patentee, John Zerbe et al., Barbara Fohrer.

Warrantee, Zerbe, Peter (George Peter); survey, 100 acres; November 12, 1737; return, 92, 120; May 29, 1789; patentee, George Ege.

Warrantee, Surber, Henry; survey, 250 acres; August 9, 1738; not returned.

Warrantee, Service John; survey, 200 acres; October 6, 1738; not returned.

Warrantee, Surface, Nicholas; survey, 150 acres; November 13, 1747; return, April 27, 1778; patentee, Nicholas Surface.

Warrantee, Sarber, Caspar; survey, 50 acres; May 10, 1749; 257; July 3, 1809; patentee, Adam Teeter.

Warrantee, Swallow, Samuel; survey, 50 acres; August 23, 1749; returned; October, 1788; patentee, Jacob Mehnert.

Warrantee, Swalle, Christian; survey, 50 acres; May 10, 1749; patentee, Christian Swall.

Warrantee, Serwin, Phillip; survey, 40 acres; October 2, 1751; May 14, 1817; patentee, Barbara Fohrer et al.

There are many records of transfers of lands in Lancaster County by the Shippens and Carpenters, branches of which families were among the earlier settlers of Pottsville from 1850 and later.

Lancaster County erected 1729, Berks in 1752. All of the land taken up in Berks County prior to 1752 was recorded in Lancaster County, of which the former was part. Many of these early records were destroyed by a fire in the Lancaster court house. There are many Zerbes in Lancaster County. No effort was made to locate more than the above, after 1800, and these were identified with those who were the early settlers of what was first Chester, then Lancaster and afterward Berks and Schuylkill Counties. It is believed that all of the Zerbes in Lancaster County are descendants of these men.

The Zerbes were prominent land owners in Berks and Schuylkill Counties in the 18th century. Note the following of the second and third generations, in this country, many of whom were located in that part of Berks County now included in Schuylkill.

Berks County Court House, Deed Book, Recorder's Office

Warrantee, George Adam Zerbe; December 2, 1784; 300 acres; return 42.81, December 6, 1784; patentee, George Adam Zerbe; book 8.

Warrantee, Phillip Zerbe; May 2, 1785; 250 acres; return 291; January 15, 1787; patentee, Phillip Zerbe; book 8.

Warrantee, George Zerbe; September 21, 1785; 96 acres; return 148, October 17, 1837; patentee, George Kerschner; book 8.

Warrantee, Benjamin Zerbe; September 29, 1785; 200 acres; return 219.80; patentee, Daniel Zerbe; book 8.

Warrantee, Christian Zerbe; September 29, 1785; 100 acres; return 114.18, December 1, 1876; patentee, John Heidleman; book 8.

Warrantee, Benjamin Zerbe; March 23, 1787; 150 acres; return 128.70, January 14, 1806; patentee, Christopher Uhler; book 8.

Warrantee, John Zerbe; January 22, 1788; 20 acres; return 1034, January 24, 1806; patentee, Jacob Zieber; book 8.

Warrantee, Benjamin Zerbe; September 29, 1785; 200 acres; book 8.

Warrantee, John Zerbe; January 22, 1788; 20 acres; book 8.

Warrantee, Benjamin Zerbe; February 5, 1788; 3 acres; return 3, January 14, 1853; patentee, Phillip Zerbe; book 8.

Warrantee, George Zerbe; February 17, 1791; 170 acres; return 170, September 18, 1824; patentee, Daniel Shappell; book 8.

Warrantee, George Adam Zerbe; September 20, 1785; 305 acres; return 305, December 2, 1785; patentee, George A. Zerbe; book 8.

Warrantee, Jonathan Zerbe; May 22, 1792; 311 acres; return 311. October 12, 1812; patentee, Caspar Reeser; book 8.

Warrantee, Zerbe, Thomas; May 22, 1792; 150 acres; return 175.2, July 10, 1795; patentee, Michael Genkinger; book 8.

Warrantee, Zerbe, Peter; September 18, 1792; 350 acres; return 260-123, January 10, 1827; patentee, George Haas.

Warrantee, Zerbe, Christian; October 4, 1792; 80 acres; 2nd warrant, October 21, 1807; patentee, Jesse Yarnatt; book 8.

Warrantee, Zerbe, Christian; February 4, 1793; 50 acres; return, November 25, 1828; patentee, James Keim; book 8.

Warrantee, Zerbe, Leonard; August 1, 1793; 150 acres, return 172.76, February 12, 1795; patentee, Leonard Zerbe; book 8.

Warrantee, Zerbe, John; March 12, 1796; 101.49 acres; return same, May 5, 1796; patentee, Leonard Zerbe; book 8.

Berks County Court House, Recorder's Office

Grantor, Conrad Minnich et al.; grantee, Peter Zerbey Jr.; October 22, 1783; location, Tulpehocken; book 8, Vol. 1, p. 103.

Grantor, Leonard Rieth; grantee, Peter Zerbey Jr.; October 23, 1783; location, Tulpehocken; book 8, p. 104.

Grantor, Valentine Bender; grantee, Peter Zerbe Jr.; December 2, 1797; location, Tulpehocken; book 16, p. 104.

Grantor, Benjamin Zerby; grantee, Phillip Zerby; March 9, 1819; Bill of Sale; book 29, p. 513.

Grantor, Casper Wister, Penn's agent; grantee, Peter Serbe; October 22, 1783; Branch of Tulpehocken; book 8, p. 101.

Grantor, Stahl, Jacob; grantee, Zerbe, John et al.; April 23, 1777; location, Cumru; b. 7, p. 3.

Grantor, Zerbe, Benjamin; grantee, Zerbe, John George; November 19, 1788; location, Pinegrove Township; book 11, p. 102.

Grantor, Kalbach, Adam; grantee, Zerby, John; May 23, 1791; location, Cumru; book 12, p. 220.

Grantor, Mayer, Frederick; grantee, Zerbe, John; July 30, 1802; location, Cumru Township; book 19, p. 250.

Grantor, Zerby, Christian; grantee, Zerbe, Jacob; May 1, 1820; Power of Attorney; book 33-31, p. 307.

Grantor, Zerbe, Jacob and wife; grantee, Zerbe, John; May 1, 1820; location, Heidelberg; book 50-49 p. 553.

Grantor, Zerbe, John the m.; grantee, Leonard Zerbe; December 6, 1785; Power of Attorney, book 12-9, p. 185.

Grantor, Epler, John V.; grantee, Leonard Zerbe; April 29, 1820; location, Bern; book 12-31, p. 319.

Grantor, Himmelberger, John and wife; grantee, Leonard Zerbe; April 10, 1824; location, Upper Tulpehocken; book 54-57, p. 408.

Grantor, Zerbe, Jacob et al.; grantee, Zerbe, Michael; September 14, 1768; location, Bethel Township; book 3-5 p. 337.

Grantor, Mordecai Lincoln (grandfather of Abraham Lincoln); grantee, Zerbe, Michael; April 30, 1789; location, Exeter Township; book 14-6, p. 504.

Warrantee, Spengle, George Christopher (m. —— Zerbe); 199 acres; warrant, November 17, 1752; patented, November 9, 1752.

Warrantee, Servier, Nicholas; 40 acres; warrant, November 6, 1754; patented, July 19, 1852.

Warrantee, Serby, John; 400 acres; warrant, April 10, 1754; patented, June 2, 1823.

Warrantee, Serby, John; 50 acres; warrant, December 8, 1753—2d W.; patented, March 1, 1811.

Warrantee, Servy, alias John Zerby Jr.; 50 acres; warrant, May 24, 1821; patented, March 1, 1811.

Warrantee, Serby, John; 40 acres; warrant, July 2, 1776; patented, May 13, 1833.

Warrantee, Zerbe, John Sr.; 200 acres; warrant, January 22, 1778; patented, Jacob Zieber.

Warrantee, Zerbe, John; 200 acres; warrant, January 22, 1778.

Warrantee, Zerbe, John; warrant, March 8, 1796; patented, May 11, 1796.

Many other tracts of land referred to in this work are recorded in Berks County but are not duplicated in these lists.

Schuylkill County Court House

In the Deed Book the following are among conveyances made:

Grantor, George Adam Zerbe; grantee, Michael Zerbe et al; July 21, 1820; book 3, pp. 328-325.

Grantor, Henry Schneider; grantee, Peter Zerbe; October 30, 1820; book 3, p. 373.

Grantor, Seb. Zimmerman; grantee, Peter Zerbe; March 29, 1824; book 4, p. 373.

Grantor, William Seltzer; grantee, Phillip Zerbe Jr.; April 1, 1833; book 13, p. 265.

From 1847 to 1855 occur the names of Zerbe, Peter, Phillip, Phillip, Martin, Henry, Michael, Mary and Jonathan Zerbe as having bought or sold land.

Warrantee, Swartz, W. Z.; 252.46½ acres; warrant, March 31, 1854; patented, Wendel Schwartz.

Warrantee, Zerba, Jonathan; 400 acres; warrant, May 24, 1813; patented, October 16, 1813.

Warrantee, Zerba, George Adam; 200 acres; warrant, June 3, 1814; patented, April 24, 1815.

Warrantee, Zerba, George Adam; 200 acres; warrant, June 3, 1814; patented, April 24, 1815.

Warrantee, Zerba, Phillip Jr.; 100 acres; warrant, August 4, 1814; patented, December 3, 1873.

Warrantee, Zerba, Phillip Jr.; 35 acres; warrant, August 4, 1814; patented, Michael Fretz.

Warrantee, Zerba, Peter Jr.; 100 acres; warrant, March 25, 1815; patented, Michael Fretz.

Warrantee, John Adam; 40 acres; warrant, March 3, 1825; patented, March 4, 1830.

Warrantee, Zerbe, John Adam; 100 acres; warrant, April 30, 1825; patented, March 4, 1830.

Warrantee, Zerbe, John; 50 acres; warrant, April 30, 1825; patented, October 17, 1825.

Warrantee, Zerbe, John; 100 acres; warrant, December 8, 1825; not patented.

Warrantee, Zerbe, August; 12 acres; warrant, March 25, 1830; patented, Rebecca Zerbe.

Warrantee, Zerbe, John; 26 acres; warrant, October 11, 1830; patented, December 8, 1859.

Warrantee, Zerbe, John L.; 30 acres; warrant, April 23, 1855; not patented.

Grantor, Christian and Michael Zerbe; grantee, Louisa Zerbe; September 27, 1861; book 67, p. 134.

Christian and Michael Zerbe; grantee, John D. Zerbe; 1878; book 150, p. 381.

Grantor, John, son of Adam Zerbe; grantee, John L. Zerbe (1860); 1854.

Others were: Zerbe, Jacob, 1870; John, 1867; Jonathan, 1844-1855; John and Joseph, 1854.

Grantor, George Klauser; grantee, George Zerbe, of Mahantongo Township; May 19, 1838; for tract of land, 63 acres, 40½ perches, in Lower Mahantongo; being part of proprietary patent dated June 4, 1776, granted to George Boerchere.

Grantor, Peter Dinger; grantee, George Zerbe, same; April 13, 1840.

Grantor, Samuel Zerbe, trustee of George Zerbe, minor, son of Solomon, d.; April 8, 1854.

Tract of land adjoining that of Michael Zerbe, d., returned 1856.

Grantor, Zerbe, Franklin; grantee, Zimmerman, Adam G.; March, 1877; book 192, p. 297.

Grantor, Benninghof, Wm., Ex.; grantee, Zerbe, Benneville; March, 1855; book 178, p. 566.

Grantor, Zerbe, Jacob; grantee, Zerbe, Benneville; April 14, 1855; book 48, p. 155.

Grantor, Boyer, John; grantee, Zerbe, Christian; August 30, 1860; book 64, p. 16.

Grantor, Pott, Frank; grantee, Zerbe, Christina; February 2, 1864; book 76, p. 38.

Grantor, Dreibelbeis, Rebecca; grantee, Zerbe, Daniel; February 15, 1825; book 5, p. 79.

Grantor Zerbe, Peter; grantee, Zerbe, Elizabeth; December 5, 1853; book 40, p. 624.

Grantor, Zerbe, Oliver J.; grantee, Zerbe, Elizabeth et al; October 17, 1888; book 202, p. 287.

Grantor, Freehafer et al, Wenrich exec.; grantee, Zerbe, Elizabeth et al; December 29, 1882; book 165 p. 455.

Grantor, Moyer, Isaac; grantee, Zerbe, Franklin; November 2, 1872; book 126 p. 183.

Grantor, Emanuel M., George B. Stahl; grantee, George W. Zerbe; February 3, 1891; book 219, p. 437.

Grantor Mary M. Zerbe; grantee, same; August 31, 1891; book 223, p. 326.

Grantor, Fuhlweiler, Miller; grantee, Henry Zerbe; March 2, 1847; book 27, p. 176.

Grantor Charles A. Heckscher; grantee, same et al; June 3, 1856; book 48, p. 321.

Grantor, Simon Uhler; grantee, Isaac Zerbe; January 9, 1872; book 121, p. 314.

Grantor, George Adam Zerbe; grantee, heirs John Zerbe et al; July 21, 1820; book 3, p. 325.

Grantor, Adam Gebert; grantee, Jonathan Zerbe Jr.; June 1, 1827; book 5, p. 477.

From the above date to 1852 Jonathan Zerbe Jr. has many transfers recorded.

Grantor, Thomas Berger; grantee, John and Trustees; July 28, 1834; book 14, p. 294.

Grantor, George Adam Zerbe; grantee, Jonathan Zerbe; April 24, 1838; book 16, p. 521.

Grantor, John Zerbe Sr.; grantee, John Zerbe Jr.; December 7, 1846; book 26, p. 748.

Zerbe, Solomon, Samuel, Jonathan and Rosina have many transfers recorded from 1847 to 1861.

The above are mainly of John[2] Zerbe the miller, (Lorentz[1]) line.

On the State Tax Lists for 1779, Pinegrove Township, occur the following names: John Sr., John, Jacob, George Adam, Christian, Peter and Philip Zerbe.

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